

WMU Convention "To All The World"

First Baptist Church, Greenville, March 19-21

Monday Night, 7 p.m.
Prelude
Hymns of Praise

Prayer

MEDITATION PERIOD

Speaker — Mrs. Ray Gilliland

Soloist — Mrs. Louie Odom

Greetings from First Baptist Church

James Heflin, Pastor

Greetings from WMU/SBC

Mrs. A. Harrison Gregory

"GHANA—MY PART OF ALL THE WORLD"

Danny Stampley, Missionary to Ghana

Hymn

Offertory Prayer

Offertory and Offering

Excerpts from Missionary Cantata,

"So Send I You"

Adult Choir, FBC, Greenville

"HOW I ARRIVED IN MY PART OF THE WORLD"

Gaynor Yancey, Missionary in Philadelphia, Pa.

Mrs. Maggie Haggard

Benediction

TUESDAY MORNING, 9:30 a.m.

Prelude

Hymns of Praise

Prayer

MEDITATION PERIOD

Speaker — Mrs. Gilliland

Soloist — Mrs. Odom

"IVORY COAST—OUR PART OF THE WORLD"

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Cox, missionaries to Ivory Coast

Hymn

Recognition of parents of missionaries

Mrs. E. M. Kee, Jr.

Election of Officers

"MY SHORT TERM VENTURE TO BRAZIL"

Mrs. Virginia Oakley

Hymn

Offertory Prayer

Offering and Offertory

Solo

Mrs. R. A. Cooper

James Richardson

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"Missions Extravaganza" Is WMU Convention Feature

First Church, Greenville, is the meeting place for this year's state Woman's Missionary Union Convention, March 19-21.

Mrs. A. Harrison Gregory of Danville, Va., president of Woman's Missionary Union, SBC, will speak at the BYW banquet Monday night, and on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings.

Foreign missionary speakers will include Dr. and Mrs. Charles Deever, Ivory Coast; Mr. and Mrs. Larry Cox, Ivory Coast; Miss Danny Stampley, Ghana; Miss Emogene Harris, Nigeria; and Mrs. Tom Thurman, Bangladesh.

Other missionary guests will be Miss Gaynor Yancey, home missionary, Philadelphia, Penn., and several short-term missionaries.

The meditation speaker for four sessions will be Mrs. Ray Gilliland, of

Rapid City, S. D., WMU executive director, Northern Plains Convention.

Mrs. Louie Odom of Jackson will direct the congregational music and sing solos. In addition, music will be provided by the Sanctuary Choir and the Ladies' Handbell Choir of First Church, Greenville, and by soloists from the Greenville area.

A Missions Extravaganza will take the place of a formal Tuesday night session, and will offer a time for men and women, Acteans, GAs, RAs, and older Mission Friends to be part of the WMU Convention. It will offer a missionary puppet theatre, a Bold Mission film, a stewardship drama, and other features. The evening's activities will

be presented in the Family Life Center and in other areas of the church building.

Mrs. Robert Smira will preside at the convention, in her last year as state president. A new president will be elected.

The Baptist Young Women Banquet will be held at 5:30 on Monday evening.

Radio-TV Commission

Trustees Promise Full Disclosure

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP) — The Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission will make full disclosure of information to its trustees and the public of its business in the future, said Frederick W. Isaacs, chairman-elect of the commission and chairman of a committee to seek a successor to commission President Paul M. Stevens.

"That's the only way we can operate in today's society and it's the only way we can operate with our stockholders — 13 million Southern Baptists," said Isaacs, who will head the effort to name the first new chief executive of the Radio and Television Commission has had since 1953 when Stevens assumed the helm of the then tiny agency. Today, the commission lays claim to being the world's largest producer of religious programming for radio and television.

In early February, Stevens, 63, an-

nounced he would take early retirement, effective Oct. 31. Stevens was relieved immediately of executive responsibility, which the trustees turned over to Harold E. Martin, the agency's executive vice president, but he will retain the title of president until Oct. 31.

"If previous boards of trustees had assumed their responsibility over the years, this probably would have never happened," he said.

Stevens, who expressed puzzlement at the turn of events but did note a trend on the part of trustees of denominational agencies to assume greater responsibility, has strongly defended his administration. Previous

boards "have been supportive and depended on me" and "have been proud of my work," declared Stevens, who said he made it known two years ago he hoped to retire early and asked for a presidential search committee.

"I've put together a staff without equal in the field of religious broadcasting," he said in an interview with the Dallas Times Herald. "I've led in the building of a plant which is without Isaacs said the decision involved a move on the part of the trustees to assume their responsibility as directors of the agency because there were "grave misgivings about management policy, disclosure of information

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Yemen Missionaries Stay

SANAA, Yemen (BP) — Southern Baptist missionaries plan to remain at the Baptist Hospital in Jibla even though the U.S. government has suggested they consider moving north to the capital city of Sanaa, farther from fighting in the south.

Dr. Jon D. Tillinghast, Southern Baptist missionary physician stationed in Sanaa, relayed the missionaries' decision to the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board by telephone March 6.

Nine Southern Baptist missionaries and four missionary journeymen are now in Yemen. All but the Tillinghasts are stationed in Jibla.

The U.S. State Department in Washington, D. C., confirmed that it had suggested all unofficial Americans (Americans not directly related to government programs or employment) consider moving from Southern Yemen to the northern region. This would be a move away from the recent border fighting between Yemen and the People's Democratic Republic of Yemen, a separate nation on Yemen's southern border.

Tillinghast told J. D. Hughey, the board's secretary for Europe, the Middle East and South Asia, that the missionaries in Jibla reported fighting

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Baptists "Tap" On China Door

RICHMOND, Va. (BP) — Three Southern Baptist leaders met March 6 with the People's Republic of China's new ambassador to the United States to express Southern Baptist interest in sharing the gospel to all people, including those in mainland China.

Meeting with Ambassador Chai Tse Min at the Chinese embassy in Washington, D. C., were Jimmy R. Allen of San Antonio, Texas, Southern Baptist Convention president; Porter W. Routh of Nashville, Tenn., executive secretary-treasurer of the SBC Executive Committee; and Baker J. Cauthen of Richmond, Va., executive director of the SBC Foreign Mission Board.

"The meeting was a 'tap on the door' to Christian witnessing that had been closed since the communists took over the country," said Cauthen. "We don't

know what will come out of it but we do right to tap on the door."

He said they were courteously received in a typical oriental manner, and at the end of the hour-long meeting, Allen led the group in prayer that "in God's own way, good might come to all people from the relationships which are developing between the United States and China."

The Southern Baptist leaders and the ambassador and his interpreter discussed who Southern Baptists are and what they do in the United States and throughout the world. The Baptist leaders expressed their interest in sharing the gospel to all people and voiced concern over spiritual ministries to the American Christians whose jobs will be taking them to China to live or to visit.

Also, they pointed out that churches

in America are a great reservoir of love and good will for people in China as shown through missions and mission work in the past. They mentioned wherever work is opened or reopened, it is done as Christian work, not as government policy. Cauthen himself was a missionary in China from 1939 to 1945 when he became the Foreign Mission Board's secretary for the Orient.

Ambassador Chai told the Baptist delegation that the Chinese government permits freedom of religious belief but also permits opposition to it.

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Baptists Urged To Oppose Restrictive Pension Laws

DALLAS (BP) — Now is the time for Baptists to support a 1976 Southern Baptist Convention resolution opposing the federal pension law's rule that would prohibit church agencies from participating in church pension plans, according to Darold H. Morgan, president of the SBC Annuity Board.

Morgan urges Southern Baptists to support congressional legislation to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA) of 1974.

The Annuity Board president chairs the Church Alliance for Clarification of ERISA, an organization of members of more than 25 religious denominations supporting the legislation introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives by U. S. Rep. Barber Conable, R-N.Y.

The House bills are HR 1576, 1577 and 1578. Similar legislation is expected to be introduced in the U. S. Senate by Herman Talmadge, D-Ga., and Lloyd Bentsen, D-Tex.

Gary Nash, Annuity Board general counsel, says the legislation would remedy "several technical defects in ERISA."

"It would amend the law's definition of 'church plan' to recognize traditional church retirement plans which cover church and agency employees," he says.

The legislation also would let ERISA recognize unique differences among denominational structures.

Current ERISA regulations penalize church workers and also have deprived some denominational employees of pension benefits, Nash says.

This is contrary to the stated intent of ERISA, he explains. The legislation is designed to correct these inequities. Nash points out that ERISA

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Out Of Iran

Families Move To Norway

RICHMOND, Va. (BP) — Southern Baptist missionaries who had been serving in Iran have accepted other assignments, one of which will take a missionary couple to Stavanga, Norway.

The C. Kenneth Glens, Southern Baptist missionaries from Georgia and South Carolina, will work with an English-language Baptist church in Norway in which members mainly are employees of American Oil companies and their families.

J. D. Hughey, the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board's area secretary for Europe, the Middle East and South Asia, said the Glens would live in Norway for at least six months with

the possibility of extending their assignment if they and the church feel it is wise.

The James F. Kirkendall family was also stationed in Iran. Kirkendall will continue his work as field representative for South Asia from Bangalore, India, and will devote more of his time to evangelism and church development in India. Mrs. Kirkendall will remain in Liberty, Mo., where their son has enrolled in William Jewell College. The Kirkendalls are from Missouri and Oklahoma.

The Henry E. Turlingtons, Southern Baptist missionaries from Florida and Virginia, will be active in evangelism

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300 Voices In Rally Choir

About 30 church choirs from National Baptist and Southern Baptist churches in the Jackson area will be a part of the special music for the Good News Mississippi Rally to be held at the City Auditorium in Jackson the evening of March 23, beginning at 7.

At least 300 persons are expected to sing in the mass choir.

Wood, minister of music at Broadmoor, Jackson, and Calvin Thomas, minister of music at Mt. Helm Church, Jackson, and member of the faculty at Mississippi Baptist Seminary, will di-

rect the integrated choir and lead the congregational singing.

Jan King, Broadmoor, Jackson, will be the organist for the rally and Mrs. Bobbie Smith of Alta Woods Church, Jackson, will be the pianist.

The final selection will be accompanied by brass instruments.

Wood said that a rehearsal session will be held at Broadmoor Church on Thursday evening, March 15, at 7 p.m. and another on March 23 at 6 p.m., at the auditorium an hour before the rally begins.

To Eight Countries And 22 States

Mississippi BSU Appoints

60 Summer Missionaries

By Betty Smith

The Mississippi Baptist Student Union Missions Committee has appointed 60 students to serve in 1979 as student summer missionaries.

The committee, composed of college students and campus directors, represented the 26 college and university campuses in the state which have Baptist Student Union work.

Appointed to work in eight foreign countries and 22 states, the 60 students will work in jobs running the full gamut of mission service, from nursing in Ghana and Israel, to general mission work in Alaska and Hawaii and resort missions in New York.

The missions program is designed for Baptist college and university students to share their Christian faith in

special mission assignments which are provided by the Southern Baptist Home and Foreign Mission Boards.

Funds for travel and expenses for the 60 students, most of whom will serve ten-week terms in the summer, come from participating Baptist Student Unions on 26 campuses. Students have set a goal of \$50,000 for student missions in 1979. Last year the students raised more than \$43,000 to support 58 student summer missionaries.

The Student Missions Committee, which interviewed applicants Feb. 15-17, included: Kathy Staggs, Ole Miss, chairman; LuAnne Travis Ford, BMC; Joyce Dove, USM; Van Stone, MC; Joyce Ballard, WSM; Carey; Tommy Leach, Northwest BSU Director; and Judy Cadenhead, MUW BSU Director.

\$5,700 of the student missions fund is earmarked for special missions projects other than summer.

Ralph B. Winders is director of the Mississippi Baptist Department of Student Work, which oversees the Baptist work on Mississippi campuses.

To Bangladesh: Bill Branch, Kenner, LA, MSU; East Malaysia: Chris Smith, Houston, MC; Ghana: Gail Gilbert, Jackson, MC; Guam: Jerre Vance, Calhoun City, Ole Miss; Indonesia: Elizabeth Applewhite, Jackson, MC; Linda Snell, Hattiesburg, MC; and Susan Ratcliff, Gulfport, Carey.

To Israel: Howard Burkhart, Altoona, FL, USM, and Cynthia Gardner, Summit, USM. To Kenya: Julie Latham, Forkville, MC; Taiwan: Jeff

Keyes, Clinton, Hinds.

To Alaska: Terry McDonald, Lumberton, Pearl River; Clark Stewart, Picayune, Pearl River; Jane Robertson, Myrtle, MSU; Donna Ashley, Jackson, MC; Arizona: Judy McNeill, Memphis, TN, MSU, and Sheila Thrash, Decatur, ECJC, To California: Sheri Felts, Waynesboro, Jones; David Grayson, Laurel, Jones; Kevin Griffin, Pearl, MC; Cindy Wall, University, Ole Miss; LuAnn Patton, Pontotoc, BMC.

To Colorado: Michael Davis, Wesson, Co-Lin; Susan Thigpen, Bay Springs, USM; Beth Spencer, Starford, TX, MC. To Florida: Laura Jaudon, Greenville, USM, and Bernice Balch, Poplarville, Carey. To Hawaii: Ricky Turner, Calhoun City, Ole Miss, and Karen Burks, Columbus, MSU. To

Illinois: Marian Menhel, Greenville, Carey. To Iowa: Mary Wade, Decatur, ECJC; Stanley Reid, Tutwiler, DSU, and Darryl Horton, Delta City, MC. To Kansas/Nebraska: Linda Robinson, Poplarville, Carey, and Floyd Smith, Lambert, DSU. To Maryland: Karen Rowell, Brandon, USM. To Michigan: Gregory Cooper, Columbus, BMC. To Missouri: Karen Grissom, Parma Heights, OH, MSU. To New England: Beth Cook, Southaven, MSU, and Becky Stingly, Hazlehurst, MC. To New York: Eric Partridge, Vicksburg, MSU; Jim Shoff, Picayune, MSU; Pamela Moorhead, Oxford, Ole Miss; Tammy Potter, Belzoni, MC.

To Northern Plains Convention: Gary Sparrow, Picayune, Carey; Rebecca Arceneaux, Greenville Springs, LA, Carey; and Louis May, Columbus,

MC. To Northwest Convention: Cathy Harris, Yazoo City, MC; Lori Carpenter, Meridian, Ole Miss; Tambrina Britton, Marion, AR, BMC.

To Ohio: Debra Williams, Poplarville, USM, and Donna Pearce, Gulfport, USM. To South Carolina: Karen Denson, Shaw, MC. To Utah/Idaho: Monica Powell, Jackson, Hinds. To Virgin Islands: Matthew Adams, Dover, DEL, MC. To Virginia: Roslyn Dickard, Tchula, Ole Miss. To West Virginia: Bruce Lowry, West Monroe, LA, Carey. To Brotherhood Commission: Dennis Rape, West Point, MC. To Pennsylvania/S. Jersey: Marlene Boudreaux, Ocean Springs, MC. To Baptist Children's Village, Jackson: Dan Watson, Texarkana, TX, MSU.

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Five Fabulous Sundays

Five Fabulous Sundays is the subject of discussion as religious education leaders talk about church growth in Mississippi. At the Baptist Building last week in Jackson were, left to right, Bryant Cummings, director of the Sunday School Department for the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board; Harry Pliland, Nashville, director of the Sunday School Department

of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board; and Chester Vaughn, program director for the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. Five Fabulous Sundays will be an effort to add 10,000 new members to Mississippi Baptist Sunday Schools during April. Cummings points out that this will be an average of one new member per church per Sunday.

Here's a partial listing by association of Mississippi Baptist churches holding simultaneous revivals. Some revivals were listed last week. Other lists will be published next week in the Record.

Church	Date
1st, Booneville	Apr. 1-4
Calvary	Apr. 8-13
Candler	
E. Booneville	
E. Pleas. Ridge	
Fairview	
Gaston	
Mt. Olive	
Oak Hill	
Pleasant Grove	
Thrasher	
Tuscumbia	
Wheeler	
Ingram	Apr. 15-18

Prentiss
Evangelist
 Ed Byron
 Roy Bostick
 Jack Bennett
 Ray Glover
 Casper Buse
 Billy Mitchell
 Ronnie Mitchell
 Leo Barker
 Tommy Vinson
 Joe Cobb
 Randy Bostick

Charles Simmons
 Tommy Vinson
 Richard Clement
 "Pete" Evans

Pastor
Tom Rayburn
Roy Bostick
F. A. Collins
Excail Burleson
Ray Bennett
Pete McCoy
Milton Koon
J. C. McIntire
Chuck Hampton
Doyle Ferrell
Joe McIntire
Ed Lowrey
Chuck Fowler
Wallace Pannell

Church	Date
Pine Grove	Apr. 22-27
Magee First	Apr. 22-27
Mount Zion	May 6-11
Corinth	Apr. 15-20
Eastside	Mar. 18-23
Antioch	Mar. 25-30
D'Lo	Apr. 22-27
Jupiter	Apr. 15-20
Troy Grubbs	
Calvary	Apr. 20-22
Mendenhall First	Apr. 29- May 4
Calvary Of Braxton	Apr. 22-27
Beulah	Apr. 22-27
Main Street	Apr. 15-20
Poplar Springs	Apr. 20-22
Braxton	Apr. 22-27
Siloam	Apr. 6-8
Palestine	Apr. 6-8
New Zion	Apr. 15-20
Goodwater	Apr. 22-27

Concord	Apr. 20-22
Hamburg	Apr. 27-29
Hopewell	Apr. 20-22
Meadville	Apr. 15-18
New Hope	Apr. 27-29
Ramah	Apr. 9-14
Roxie	Apr. 22-27
Union	Apr. 22-27

Simpson
Evangelist
H. Glen Schilling
James Richardson
Robert Blann
Tommy Titus
Donnie Bond
Stanley Barnett
Kenneth Roberts

Marvin Graham
Kermit McGregor
Vance Dyess
Charles Burnham
H. Glen Schilling
Hueston Adkins
A. M. Moore III
Robert Sones
Richard Medley
Dan Watts
Stephen Davis

Franklin
Phil Newton
Wayne Sanders
Ron Langston
Tommy & Diane Winders
Joe Cothen
Joe Royalty
Billy Thomas
Garv Hadden

Pastor
Barney Padgett
O. C. Ladnier
Gary Strehlow
Billy Guest
Caley Ray Nichols
George Lewis
W. J. Henderson
Troy Grubbs

Marvin Graham
Hueston Adkins
Vance Dyess
M. L. Wallace
W. T. Wright
Bob Davis
Charles Wesley
Ray Hodges
Ray Mosley
Tom Jackson
Jim Landrum

Ricky Johnston
Matt Buckles
Ron Langston
Kenneth Jourdan
Ronnie Wright
Wayne Sanders
Horace Carpenter
Roy McKay

Church
Salem
Pine Grove
Pine Forest
FBC Marion
Hebron
Carmel
Calvary
Westwood
Arrowwood
FBC Collinsville
Eighth Avenue
Russell
Fellowship
Macedonia
FBC Lauderdale
Grandview
Bethany
Poplar Spr. Dr.
Fifteenth Avenue
New Hope
Hickory Grove
FBC Meridian
Mt. Gilead
South Side
Midway
Oakland Heights
Oak Grove
Northcrest
Mt. Vernon
Highland

Date	Event
Apr. 1-3	G. Davis
Apr. 4-8	D. Allen
Apr. 12-15	Al. Brown
Apr. 15-20	Be. Smith
Apr. 15-20	Bo. Jones
Apr. 15-22	Ge. White
Apr. 21-25	E. Green
Apr. 22-25	Ed. Black
Apr. 22-27	H. Hall
Apr. 22-27	E. Hill
Apr. 22-27	Gu. King
Apr. 22-27	Ja. Lee
Apr. 22-27	St. Martin
Apr. 22-27	Ke. Nelson
Apr. 22-27	Pa. Owen
Apr. 22-27	W. Phillips
Apr. 22-27	Jo. Quinn
Apr. 22-27	Ha. Reed
Apr. 22-27	Eu. Scott
Apr. 22-27	Fe. Taylor
Apr. 22-27	Je. Vance
Apr. 22-29	Dr. Ward
Apr. 22-29	Cr. Young
Apr. 25-29	De. Ziegler
Apr. 29-May 2	Jo. Baker

Lauderdale
 Evangelist
 G. A. McGrew
 David Wilkerson
 Al Fike
 Bennie Boone
 Danny Lafferty
 Bob Hill
 Gene Williams
 Earl Ezell
 Gordon H. Sams
 E. C. Wells
 H. C. Crenshaw
 George Gay
 Guy Henderson
 James Stephens
 Stanley Barnes
 Kent Turner
 Ray Hill
 Pete Evans
 W. D. Hudgins
 John Merck
 Harold Harris
 Dotson Nelson
 Eugene H. Doran
 Paul Woodford
 Fred Cook
 Jerry Fife
 Danny Lafferty
 Crawford Will
 Gild Jelder
 Day 2 Douglas Whit

Pastor
Sammy Brister
James Stephens
Harold Lollar, Sr.
E. C. Wells
Larry Moore
Jeff Gilder
Otis Seal
Buford Ustry
L. Gordon Sansing
James Snowden
Bennie Boone
Charles Griffith
Kenneth Walters
Jack O'Neil Giles
Jerry Bishop
Edgar Wolfe
Jimmie D. Garrard
James A. Ruffin
Kelly Dampier
James Sanders
Harold Harris
Beverly Tinnin
Charles E. Davis
John Hopper
W. B. Webb
James Parker
Ernest Rockwell
Chris C. Cornelius
Jerry Jackson
Jackie C. Hamilton

Church	Date
Bear Creek	Apr. 1-6
Berea	Mar. 30-A
Bowlin	Apr. 11-13
County Line.	Apr. 1-6
Ethel	Apr. 1-6
Hurricane	Mar. 30-A
Kosciusko 1st.	Apr. 1-6
Kosciusko Pkwy	Apr. 8-13
Kosciusko 2nd	Apr. 8-13
McAdams	Apr. 1-6
New Hope	Mar. 30-A
New Salem	Apr. 1-6
Sallis	Apr. 4-8
Unity	Apr. 6-8
Williamsville	Apr. 6-8
Zama	Apr. 1-6
Springdale	Apr. 1-4
E. County Line	Apr. 1-8

Attala
Evangelist
John W. Cook
Johnny Parks
Pat McClellan
Glen Schilling
James Yates
Freddie Tanksley
Gordon Sansing
Billy Williams
Clarence Mayo
Gary Berry
W. H. Tanksley
C. C. Ard
Vic Carter

Pastor
B. D. Hardin
Jerry Slonaker
Walter Hines
H. C. Adams
Reed Dicken
Freddie Tanksley
L. Edward Gandy
Roy Collum
Johnny Parks
Joe Anderson
W. H. Tanksley
Horace McMillan
Kenneth Moore
John Cockrell
Joe Blackwell
Eugene Bailey
Pastorless
Pastorless

Church	Date
Castlewoods	Apr. 22-25
Pinelake	Apr. 15-20
Bethel	Apr. 20-22
Fannin	Mar. 14-18
Union	Apr. 22-27
Eastside, Pearl	Mar. 18-23
Pearson	Mar. 25-30
Star	Apr. 8-11
FBC, Pearl	Apr. 30-Mar
Cleary	Apr. 8-13
FBC, Flowood	Apr. 18-22
Clear Branch	Apr. 15-20
Trinity	Apr. 1-5
FBC, Pelahatchie	Apr. 15-20

Church	Date
Ephesus	Apr. 22-27
Forest	Apr. 22-27
Steele	Apr. 11-15
Clifton	Apr. 22-27
Branch	Apr. 22-
Bethlehem	Apr. 22-27
Calvary	Apr. 1-6
Springfield	Apr. 22-27
Lake, FBC	Apr. 24-29

Rankin
Evangelist
Elton Moore
Wylie Heath

Jimmy Young
C. R. Nichols
Perry Neal
Jim Bain
Don Stewart
3 Buddy Mathis
Elmer Vogelsang
Randy Turner

Scott
Evangelist
Floyd Higgenbotham
Paul Brown
Jerry Skinner
Danny Lanier
Danny Henderson
Bob Hutchenson
Wayne Edwards
Leo Timms
Francis Martin

Pastor
Elton Moore
Lannie Wilbourn
Willie Johnson
Carl E. Talbert
S. W. Valentine
Howard Benton
Emerson Tedder
Jimmy Harrington
Stanley Barnett
Timothy Williams
Marcus Alexander
Roger Lee
O. Lynn Nations
Carl R. Nelson

Pastor
Kenneth Jones
Clyde Little
Arzone Burns
Tommy Miles
T. W. Henderson
James Edwards
Jerry Lundy
James E. Watts
W. P. Miley

Church
Beacon
Bouie Street
Calvary
Crestview
Dixie
Fellowship
1st, Brooklyn
1st, Glendale
1st, Hattiesburg
1st, McLaurin
1st, Petal
Greens Creek
Immanuel
Macedonia
Main Street
Northside
Petal-Harvey
Pineview
Providence
Rawls Springs
Ridgecrest
Southside
South 28th Avenue
Sunrise
Temple, N'burg
38th Avenue

Date	Event
Apr. 22-27	Ra
Apr. 22-28	Ja
Apr. 22-27	Do
Mar. 4-11	San
Apr. 15-18	Cl
Apr. 22-25	Cl
Apr. 22-25	R
Apr. 22-27	Wo
Apr. 22-27	Ho
Apr. 22-25	St
Apr. 22-29	Lo
Mar. 4-11	M
Apr. 11-15	Tr
Apr. 22-27	Bo
Apr. 22-27	W
Apr. 22-29	R
Apr. 29-May. 4	R
Apr. 22-27	W
Apr. 22-27	Li
Apr. 15-20	H
Apr. 22-27	T

Lebanon
Evangelist
Ray Allen
John R. Klemm
David Shofner
Sam Wolfe
Clark Hensley

Cliff Estes
William Hins
Roy Black
Hoyt Nelson
Steve Wilkes
Local Team

Mike Gilchris
Troy Sumrall
W. Edward T
Bobby Cossey
Raymond L
W. D. 'Step'
Ronnie Jones

Lay Team
Herman Mer

T. J. DeLaug

Pastor
W. A. Troutman
John R. Klem, III
Emmett Boone
C. R. Parkin
Billy G. Johnson
Leonard Walters
Ken R. Shoemaker
Cliff Estes
Brooks H. Wester
Jerry G. Wise
W. A. Fordham
Jimmy Martin
Phil Harris
Gerald Aultman
John E. Barnes
Q. C. Barrett
Jerry Henderson
Bobby Cossey
Larry Gafford
Bill Mitchell
Odell Tebo
Lloyd Thornton
Alan E. Balliet

V. L. Stanfield
James McLemore

Church	Date
Glendale	Apr.
W. Corinth	Apr.
Calvary	Apr.
Tusculumbia	Apr.
County Line	Apr.
Tishomingo Chap.	Apr.
S. Corinth	Apr.
Holley	Apr.
Kendrick	Apr.
Corinth, 1st	Apr.
Tate Street	Apr.

Alcorn
Evangelist
Hubert Drumwright
Wayne Campbell
James Travis
Bill Wages
Van McCarley
Eugene Walden
Adrian Horn
Ron Harris
Wiley Gann
Frank Gunn
Bill Thomas

Pastor
Jack Bennett
Wayne Campbell
Wayne Marshall
None
David Shepherd
Earl Floyd
Joe Weaver
Dan Emerson
Roy Marshall
John Causey
Grant Clark

Church	Date
Centerville	Apr. 29-May 1
Crystal Springs	Apr. 27-29
Dinam	Apr. 22-27
Enon	Apr. 22-27
Lexie	Apr. 22-27
Messa	Apr. 22-29
Magee's Creek	Apr. 22-27
New Zion	Apr. 27-29
Tylertown	Apr. 22-26
Union	Apr. 29-May 1

Walthall
Evangelist
Tom Larrimore
Jerry Barlow
Larry Sweat
W. P. Blair
Jerry Mixon
Hugh Dampier
Curtis Williams
Clark Stewart
Reese Kysar
S. A. Adkins

Pastor
M. Dale Little
Mike Racey
W. P. Blair
Earl Surber
Charles Smith
Darnell Archfe
Mike Knippers

James F. Smith

**Church
Bett
Ebenezer
Evansville-
Highland
Looxahoma
Mt. Zion
New Garden**

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Tate Evangelist

Pastor
Terrell Stringer
Claude Lazenby -
E. D. Campbell
Micheal Hunt
Milton Thornton
Roy Myers
Robert Jenkins

Church	Date
New Hope	Mar. 11-16
Pine Level	Apr. 22-27
West Salem	Apr. 22-27
Leakesville	Apr. 22-27
Cedar Grove	Apr. 22-27
McLean First	Apr. 22-27
Pleasant Hill	Apr. 22-27
Antioch	Apr. 22-27
East Salem	Apr. 22-27
Unity	Apr. 22-27
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Radio-TV Trustees Promise Full Disclosure

(Continued from page 1)
and stewardship of resources." equal in the world. I've been able to secure the cooperation of the radio and television industry in a spectacular way. We're audited regularly. There has never been one criticism of our management techniques before."

He says there is "no truth" in the charge that he hasn't been open with trustees and declared that he has "been true to his call of God and to the denomination." He did indicate that there are times he should have remained closer to the trustees.

John Roberts, a commission trustee and executive committee member and editor of South Carolina's Baptist Courier, said the commission had "three main grievances" with Stevens' running of the commission besides questionable management and stewardship of resources.

They are "time and money spent on productions unrelated to the commission's task, a special annuity for 16 staff members, and dissatisfaction about some of the commission's 32 programs, particularly television programs, which some trustees feel are so general and non-sectarian that their Christian message is watered down."

On the first point, Isaacs citing one among several examples, said the commission questioned the expenditure of some \$30,000 to film the Fort Worth Symphony. Stevens defended the move as a goodwill gesture because the commission pays no taxes for police and fire protection. He also noted that "Fort Worth businessmen raised \$1 million to give to the commission over a 16-week period during our fund-raising campaign." He said the film focused on the work of the director, a Christian, rather than the symphony itself.

The special non-participatory annuity for the 16 staff persons involves a fund, over and above a regular retirement program, which alone would provide certain top-level people retirement income of 50 percent of their salaries, Isaacs said.

Roberts added, "Trustees had stipulated that any such funds were for retirement only and not for anyone who resigned or left the commission for any cause. The board found that four staff members who resigned and left Baptist work nevertheless had been given the funds accrued to their accounts."

"Fifty percent of retirement for a person who enters young and participates 30 years or more is not unusual and is recommended by the (Southern Baptist) Annuity Board," Roberts said, "but the program in question is in addition to other annuity benefits and at least two employees who began after age 50 were placed in the program."

Stevens said money was given to two of the four staff members "by pre-arrangement and in writing which was part of the record before they came." As for the other two, he said, "I did what I thought was right at the time, against my better judgment, without checking with the trustees. It was a mistake. I regret it. But it didn't involve a lot of money."

On the third point, Isaacs said, trustees, although they approved of many commission programs, felt others were too watered down.

Elaborating on the trustees' decision, Isaacs said of Stevens and his relation to previous boards of trustees: "The man was left alone by the trustees to the point that he, probably like many others have had to do, did things himself in order to get them done. He got so self-sustained that he didn't

check with the trustees. It might have been a necessity for awhile but it got out of hand."

"We don't want to destroy the credibility of a man who has done so much good for Southern Baptists over the years," Isaacs declared. "I wish none of this had happened."

"People say Paul Stevens is synonymous with the commission," Stevens said. "It wasn't my goal for

that to happen. It's grossly unfair to say I thought the commission belonged to me. I took risks for innovative ideas which boards of trustees approved, but I didn't foresee all the pitfalls. Even major networks stub their toes, so why expect perfection of me?"

"We should remember Paul Stevens not for the mistakes he made," said Roberts, "but for the good he has done."

March 30-April 1

BSU Leaders Will Train At Gulfshore

A leadership training conference for Baptist Student leaders across the state will be held March 30-April 1 at Gulfshore Assembly, Pass Christian, according to Ralph Winders, director, Department of Student Work, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

Key speakers for the various sessions will include Frank Pollard, pastor of First Church, Jackson; Jim Keith, pastor of First Church, Gulfport; Bernard Spooner, associate professor of administration at New Orleans Seminary; and Soney Shaw, BSU director, University of Alabama at Birmingham.

Pollard will deliver a message Friday night on what the Bible says about leadership. Spooner will speak Saturday morning on the topic, "Responsible Leadership." Shaw will speak at the Sunday morning worship service on the topic, "Commitment to Bold Discipleship." Keith will bring the Saturday evening message following



Keith



Pollard



Shaw



Spooner

Five Fabulous Sundays In April

One Per Church Per Sunday Will Reach Goal

By Mose Dangerfield
Sunday School Department

If every Baptist church in Mississippi will enroll one new Sunday School member on each of the five Sundays in April, 10,000 new Sunday School members can be enrolled across our state in this one month. Five Fabulous Sundays, April, 1979, can be remembered as one of Mississippi Baptists' finest hours!

Gearing for Bold Missions and Simultaneous Revival Crusades in April and following two years of state-wide losses in Sunday School enrollment, this can be an exciting month. Every Baptist church in Mississippi is being challenged to commit itself to a goal of enrolling at least one new member in Sunday School each Sunday in April. A Five Fabulous Sundays brochure is being mailed to all Sunday School directors, pastors, association Sunday School directors, and educational workers. This ex-

plains in detail the plan and suggested procedures for implementing this program.

Bryant Cummings, director of the Sunday School Department for the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, says that the Five Fabulous Sundays program can help churches in several ways. It can help to increase attendance, create excitement, prepare spiritually for revival, discover and record prospects, enroll prospects, and increase baptisms.

In interesting feature of the Five Fabulous Sundays program is the reporting system. Each issue of the Baptist Record in April will run a report by churches of the number of new members enrolled the Sunday before.

The reporting plan is for churches to report their number of new enrollees to the association office or Association Sunday School Director by 10 a.m. each Monday, between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. the State Sunday School office

will call on the WATS line each association office for its cumulative report. Then the state-wide report will be carried in the Baptist Record that same week.

Churches are finding by using the open enrollment concept of enrolling members anytime and any place as long as they agree a very effective way of enrolling people who need Bible study and who need our continued love and ministry. Ironically, of those enrolled using this procedure, about 40-50 percent will attend regularly. That is the same percentage of attendance recorded by church after church across our state which may now be using a more demanding method of enrolling people in Bible study.

Churches or individuals may write or call the Sunday School Department in Jackson for a brochure or for further details. The address is Box 530, Jackson, MS 39205; the phone number is 354-3704.

Easter Conference Scheduled For Singles

NASHVILLE — An Easter weekend conference for single adults will be held at Ridgcrest April 13-15.

"Invitation to Life" is the theme of the conference which will include "inspiration through drama, music, Bible study and messages," said Ann Smith, conference coordinator.

The A. D. Players, directed by Jeanette Clift George, will present three dramas on the resurrection theme — "The Thief on the Cross," "Paragraph" and "Stet." Theme interpretations at each session will be done by Frank Connelly, a Nashville dramatist.

Phil McCarty, professor of religious education at Mississippi College, will be the featured speaker.

Also, four spiritual growth seminars will be offered — living in confidence, practical theology, spiritual gifts and prayer as communication.

The cost of the conference is \$40.50 based on double occupancy. It will begin with dinner on Friday night and continue through Sunday noon. To register, send \$15.50 to Ridgcrest Baptist Conference Center, Ridgcrest, NC 28770.

The conference is sponsored by the Sunday School Board's family ministry department.

Braswell, Shackelford Named As Presidents

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (BP) — Glen E. Braswell of Colorado and Alvin C. Shackelford of Tennessee were named

to the presidency of their respective groups of Southern Baptist Convention leaders during their annual meetings. Braswell succeeds Harold C. Bennett of Florida as president of the Southern Baptist Association of State Convention Executive Directors.

Shackelford, editor of Tennessee's Baptist and Reflector, succeeds John E. Roberts, editor of The Baptist Courier, South Carolina, as president of the Southern Baptist Press Association.

The Alaska Baptist Convention, led by retiring executive secretary/editor Troy Prince, hosted meetings of the two groups.

Named vice president for the executives was Richard M. Stephenson of Virginia. Robert B. Wilson of Michigan is the group's secretary.

President-elect for the press association is Julian H. Pentecost, editor of the Religious Herald, Virginia. Bobby S. Terry, editor of The Word and Way, Missouri, was re-elected secretary-treasurer.

Wedding Reception

A reception March 24 at the Baptist Building will honor the newly married Dr. and Mrs. Earl Kelly. It will be held between the hours of 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. The invitation is for the Baptists of Mississippi to meet the Kellys.

On March 17 Kelly, the executive secretary-treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, will be married in a private ceremony in Hattiesburg to Mrs. Marjorie Rowden, a vice-president of William Carey College.

Day Care Clinic To Be Held At Woodville Hgts.

A Kindergarten/Day Care Clinic with the theme "Leading the Child" will be held Mar. 31, at Woodville Heights Baptist Church, Jackson.

The program opens at 9:30 a.m. after registration at 9. Wilma Lowe, an early childhood specialist, will open with a devotional message. Gene Hendrix, minister of education at First Baptist Church, Clinton, will speak on "Leading Together."

A make it and take it workshop will follow. Then W. R. Burris of Ridgcrest Baptist Church, Jackson, will speak on "Leading toward Positive Behavior." Polly Morrow of Van Winkle Baptist Church, Jackson, will speak on "Language from the Beginning."

After lunch and a view of exhibits, at 1 p.m. a repeat of morning sessions will begin. The program ends at 3 p.m.

the commissioning service for sixty 1979 BSU summer missionaries.

Small group conferences will be held Saturday morning and afternoon for new officers and committee members and on special interests and skills.

New officers for 1979-80 will be elected Saturday, and the gavel will be passed to the new president Sunday morning. John Stanley, the 1978-79 state BSU president, after handing over the gavel, will talk about what BSU has meant to him.

Buster Pray, New Orleans Seminary, will direct the music. Nancy Aulds will coordinate the talent show which is to be presented on Saturday evening.

The conference will begin Friday afternoon, March 30, with registration at 3, supper at 5:45, and opening session at 7. It will close Sunday, April 1, with the noon meal.

Though the meeting is mainly for BSU officers and committee members, other students who wish to come may do so. For registration information, students should contact their BSU directors.

New Lobby Disclosure Bills To Be Debated In Congress

WASHINGTON (BP) — For the third time in the last three Congresses, a House subcommittee is attempting to write a lobby disclosure bill which will satisfy the "right of the public to know" and also to protect the constitutional rights of freedom of religion, freedom of speech, and the right of the people to petition the government.

The House of Representatives passed lobby disclosure legislation in both the 94th and 95th Congresses. The Senate has not followed its lead.

At least four measures on the subject have been introduced in the House in the new Congress. So far, no Senate bills on lobby disclosure have been introduced.

Reps. George Danielson, D-Cal., and Peter Rodino, D-N.J., introduced H. R. 81, the same bill reported out of the Judiciary Committee last year and considered by the House. Rodino is chairman of the Judiciary Committee. Danielson is chairman of the Judiciary Subcommittee on Administrative Law and Government Relations which is considering lobby disclosure legislation now.

Reps. Tom Rallsback, R-Ill., and Robert W. Kastenmeier, D-Wis., introduced H. R. 1979, which is identical to the bill passed by the house last year.

These two bills are considered the front runners for house consideration by congressional observers.

The Rallsback-Kastenmeier bill would require reporting of so-called "grassroots lobbying" efforts, the names of major contributors to lobbying organizations, and the lobbying efforts of the chief executive officer of an organization required to register under the provisions of the bill.

The Danielson-Rodino bill does not have these provisions. The grassroots and major contributor reporting requirements were considered highly controversial during last year's consideration of the subject.

Religious organizations objected strenuously to the inclusion of churches in the provisions of the measures introduced last year. James E. Wood Jr., executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, said, "The prophetic role of religion in the life of the nation and the

mission of the church to speak out on public affairs (is) integral to the First Amendment's guarantee of 'the free exercise of religion.'"

Wood urged both House and Senate committees considering lobby disclosure legislation last year to exclude churches from the provisions of any such measure.

Rep. Don Edwards, D-Cal., objected that the case had not been made for the need for lobby disclosure legislation.

"If there are real dangers to the republic from lobbying, let them be described in detail and then draw the law very narrowly," he suggested. Edwards favors disclosure only of gifts from lobbyists to legislators.

Danielson said that he hoped this year's hearings on lobby disclosure would be brief so that a bill could be sent to the Senate early enough to achieve final passage in this Congress.

The Missions Task

Deciding Where To Give

By John Alexander, Director, Stewardship Department

As Christians, each of us must decide where to give money. Because we have had a redeeming experience with a giving God, it is our desire to support the Lord's work. There are many worthy causes. Where will my gift bring the greatest return for the Lord?

Each thoughtful Christian will look at the alternatives. I have seen people with a lot and a little money give to some very foolish things. As a Christian, I am to be instructed by my Lord in matters of faith and practice. I am to love and support activities, organizations, and programs He supports.

The Bible tells me that... "Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for it" (Eph. 5:25). He is setting the church aside, cleansing it by the washing of water with the word that He might present it a glorious church without spot or wrinkle.

If Christ loves the church, I should love the church. He gave Himself up for it, and I should be found giving to and through it. If I do not love the church, there is a flaw somewhere in my faith. I do not love the church if I do not support it.

There are many causes in our world today that constantly call for our support. Most of these causes, with the exception of the church, are built around a dominant personality. History shows us that such enterprises have a very limited and diminishing future at best. Personalities, like comets, flash across the sky and are gone. I want more stability and durability in my giving!

Men may promote enterprises in His name, but Christ is committed to promoting His church.

Beyond my local church is the command of Christ to me to "Go into all the world with the good news of the gospel." To the "going" Christian, Christ promises His perpetual, permanent, and powerful presence. "Lo," He said, "I am with you unto the end of the world." I can go personally. I can go through others who go. I can go through my gifts to my church and denomination.

My church isn't "flaw free" and neither is my denomination, but I haven't found any other way that provides me an opportunity to "teach them to observe all things that I commanded you, in all the world." Each of us has the responsibility of asking ourselves honestly, "Is my giving fulfilling the complete command of Christ?" It is a temptation to give ourselves and our substance to a minor facet of the work of the kingdom while neglecting the weightier matters!

There is a frightening tendency today to assume that because some preacher stands up before a microphone and camera and uses the name of the Lord that he and his enterprise is trustworthy. Some of us know better and all of us have a responsibility not to waste our substance on unreliable appeals and projects! It is a part of Christian stewardship to see to it that our gifts are used honestly and effectively. We each deserve an audited report from each recipient of our gifts.

It is still indisputably true that the most trustworthy channel for effective and enduring giving is our local church and our denomination. Human nature being what it is, any person choosing to ignore proven paths of giving for the glittering personality-inspired trails do so at their own risk. Let the giver beware!

Pastors And Wives Retreat Is Set For Camp At Myrtle

A pastors and wives retreat is set for Apr. 30 - May 2 at Camp Zion, Myrtle, Miss., with Mississippians Robert Hamblin, Martha Nelson, and Macklyn Hubbell, as featured speakers.

The retreat, sponsored each year by the Church Administration Pastoral Ministries Department, requires only a \$5 registration fee for pastor and wife (\$2.50 for pastor only).

The program is designed for full participation by both pastor and wife and includes Bible study, music, counseling, and witnessing techniques, and leadership and communication skills. Hamblin is pastor of Harrisburg Baptist Church, Tupelo; Nelson is author and pastor's wife from



Nelson



Hubbell

Pelachatchie; and Hubbell is pastor of First Baptist Church, Cleveland.

A special guest will be Jack Stanton, of Southwest Baptist College, Belmar, Mo., who will lead a session on "Growing an Evangelistic Church."

Music team for the meeting will be Cecil Harper, Ben Scarborough, and Dot Pray.

For reservations, write Leon Emery, Box 530, Jackson, Miss., 39205.

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Editorials

Baptists And Their Institutions . . .

"Trust The Lord And Tell The People"

The entire concept of Baptist ownership of institutions and agencies has come under the spotlight of public scrutiny over the past few months. Not long ago attention was directed toward Wake Forest University, an institution of the North Carolina convention, and the attempts of the trustees of that institution to name their own successors.

That issue has been discussed. Let us turn our attention now to the latest matter for consideration, the retirement of Paul Stevens as president of the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission. The issue is not nearly so well defined in this instance as in the other.

Stevens had been administrative head of the commission for 26 years, and he has accomplished some amazing things. Such accomplishments rarely happen without some polarization of opinions. When Stevens announced his retirement for Oct. 31 with the explanation that an old back injury was causing undue pain, and with the trustees stripping away all of his administrative duties immediately, many people began to ask what more is there to the situation than is being told.

Baptists have claimed to honor a principle enunciated as "Trust the Lord and tell the people."

As Stevens nears retirement there comes to the surface some actions of many years past that had not been revealed. Questions were asked, and rumors began to fly.

The spotlight should not be directed solely at trustees. Sometimes administrative heads find themselves operating without the full knowledge of their boards as to the nature of their operations. This is a deceptively easy situation to get into because of board meetings generally being held only two times a year.

So what are the facts surrounding the Paul Stevens retirement? I have spent most of a week talking to trustees and news people and reading news releases, editorials, and statements. At this point I can truthfully say, I don't know.

All of the trustees with whom I have visited have been very friendly and have tried to be helpful. The confusion very possibly comes from trustees viewing the same actions and attitudes from different perspectives. For instance, Chairman Ray Scroggins of Houston, Texas, said the only vote taken by the trustees was to accept Stevens' retirement. Trustee Fred Isaacs Jr. of Cosby, Ark., said the only vote was to strip him of his administrative duties. Perhaps both viewpoints amount to the same thing; but Scroggins generally seemed to support Stevens, and Isaacs generally did not.

So here is a man who through 26 years has accomplished more than ever could have been imagined. In so doing he gained a goodly member of supporters, and he acquired a sizeable core of detractors.

In fairness to Stevens, it seems the issues relating to this situation should be examined. First, it is evident that he has done nothing illegal. The contention seems to come at two points.

These are (1) the program policies of the commission under Stevens' direction; and (2) his administrative practices.

The program policies have to do with the fact that the Radio and Television Commission has produced programs with only a subtle Christian statement rather than productions with a heavier evangelistic content. This type of programming by the commission has been under fire for years, but Mississippi Robin Mathis, a commission trustee who is in the broadcast business, points out that programs of the more preachy type would have to be paid for to be used while the present type of programming finds a free market as public service time.

A great deal has been said concerning a retirement package which Stevens will be receiving. One plan that was set up 12 years ago by the commission trustees will pay him about \$27,000 annually. This was wholly funded by the commission. Another plan was funded 36 per cent by the commission and 64 per cent by Stevens. It will pay him about \$10,000 annually. Then in 1972 the board made a commission-owned house available to him and Mrs. Stevens free of any costs for as long as they live. The house, built in 1963 for \$42,000, is now appraised for \$185,000.

The trustees almost unanimously have said they have no plan to tamper with this arrangement though some feel it is excessive. It is a great deal more than what is afforded other denominational workers; but the trustees declare that since it was established by earlier trustees, they plan to honor it. It will afford him about 60 per cent of his present salary after retirement. This is to be contrasted with the SBC Executive Committee retirement set up which until recently was pegged at 42½ per cent of salary. The norm seems to be about 50 per cent after 30 years service. The Executive Committee has taken steps to upgrade the retirement program for its employees.

Of greater concern to some commission trustees was a 50 per cent retirement established for 16 employees even though their tenures at retirement would not warrant it and the fact that four of the 16 had resigned before retirement and had received their retirement funds in cash.

Another cause of concern among some trustees was the filming of a

program of the Fort Worth Symphony at a cost of \$35,000. Stevens justified this as a public relations move to seek to repay the city in some measure for granting the commission free fire and policy protection as well as being supportive financially and otherwise of commission efforts.

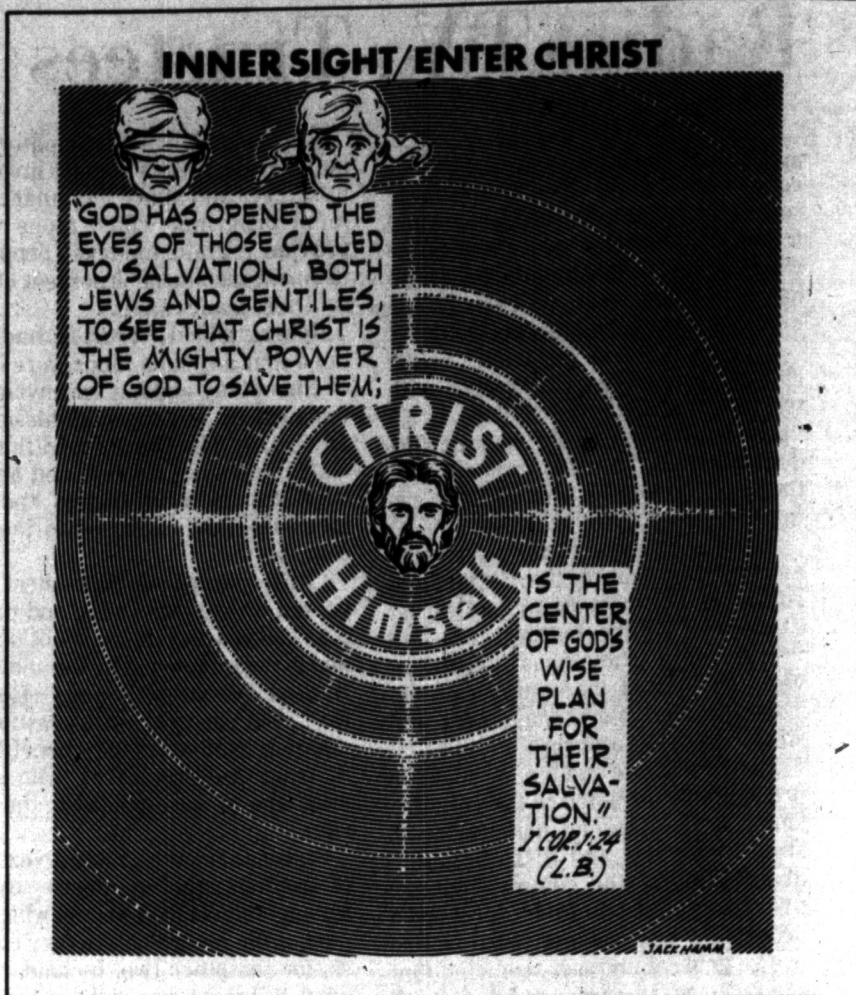
Additional factors are pertinent. Stevens himself asked that a search committee for a new president be set up two years ago, for he declared that his retirement was imminent. The committee was appointed but had become inactive. The commission last October asked the search committee to become active again.

Out of the unfortunate circumstance must come two conclusions. First the commission must maintain its composure and continue to function as it should. This should be no problem.

Second, we all should admit our admiration for what has been accomplished under the administration of Stevens. He accepted the presidency of the agency when it had three employees and one program, "The Baptist Hour." It now has a staff of 125 working in a \$5 million building. Now there are 32 programs that have achieved acclaim throughout the broadcast industry. They may not be evangelistic, but they have called attention to Southern Baptists. In the light of Baptist indecision on paying for evangelistic programs, Stevens has produced the free programming.

Then there is a third factor that is evident. If we are going to believe in "Trust the Lord and tell the people," we should practice it. Neither administrators nor trustees should be parties to actions that they would not want the entirety of the Baptist constituency to know about.

To fail to be guided by that principle is to admit we are something besides Baptists.—DTM



Faces And Places

By Anne Washburn McWilliams

Ablee McIntosh

Mrs. W. F. McIntosh is 90, and she's been teaching Sunday School for 66 years at Goodwater Church without a break. She's almost twice my age, and I don't believe I could keep up with her if I tried.

When I called her a few weeks ago to make an appointment for an interview I told her I could come on a Saturday morning. She said she was glad it would be a Saturday, for she goes to her senior citizens' meeting at the fire station Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday.

She lives at Magee, in a big old house behind Mims-Mitchell Funeral Home (phone 849-2649).

Rarely is she absent from Sunday School, Church Training, worship services, or prayer meeting. "Wednesday night is my favorite time," she said. "We enjoy the suppers in our nice Fellowship Hall, and we love our pastor, Jim Landrum."

For 17 or 18 years she has been teaching the elderly women's class and has seven on her roll now. Her first Sunday School class, in 1913, was a combination of young men and young women. She said, "They didn't have a nominating committee to choose the teachers then, but the class could pick the teacher they wanted. That class told the preacher, 'We want Miss Ablee,' and I told the preacher I couldn't do it, but he told me he thought I could. I did and I've been teaching Sunday School ever since."

The oldest active member at Goodwater, she has taught every age group except Beginners. One family in the church had nine children and she has taught every member of the family, including the parents.

"I never had any trouble with bad boys in a Sunday School class, she said. I'd take them on a fishing trip or have a hamburger supper for them — get to know them and let them get to know me. I would win their love and then there would never be any trouble." She had six children of her own, two boys and four girls, plus nine grandchildren.

Mrs. McIntosh was born a Duckworth, in Jones County. Her un-

usual first name, Ablee, is that of the midwife who delivered her. In 1903 she married W. F. McIntosh, a Jasper County native, in a home wedding ceremony. The following year she and her husband moved to Simpson County. Both made professions of faith after they started attending the Goodwater Church, and were baptized there. Mr. McIntosh, a farmer, died 21 years ago.

When Mrs. McIntosh began teaching Sunday School in 1913 the church just had one room, she said, and her class was delegated to one corner. "We had no electric lights, and the wood burning heater was near the front. In the winter we sat in our corner and shivered."

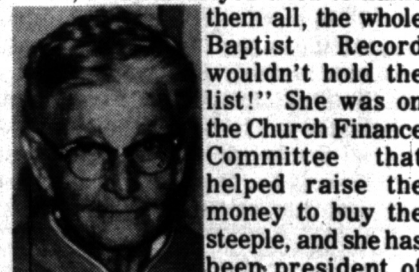
Her special dish for dinners on the ground is sweet corn from her own garden. One of her sons breaks the garden ground with a tractor, and her daughter, Mrs. Margaret Mangum, who lives in the house behind her, helps with the planting and harvesting. Mrs. Mangum also drives her mother to church.

"What I especially like to do is to visit the sick," she said. "I always loved to do for the sick." As for herself, she has rarely been sick. Arthritis sent her to the hospital not long ago, but she has not missed Sunday School many times because of her own illness. "The Lord has been good to me," she said.

When I asked her what other jobs she had held in church, she answered, "Well, I reckon if you tried to name

them all, the whole Baptist Record wouldn't hold the list!" She was on the Church Finance Committee that helped raise the money to buy the steeple, and she has been president of the WMU.

"Never say no if the Lord calls you. That's my advice to everybody," she declared. "Just look to Him for guidance. He's all we have to look to. If He calls you to teach Sunday School, study your Bible and teach it."



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Formula For Success

Life Is Mirrored In Athletics

Accomplishment in athletics takes more than ability. In fact, it has been said that champions are not necessarily the most gifted or the biggest of the athletes. The champions are the ones who exhibit more than an ordinary amount of courage and who are willing to pay the price it takes to perform continually at their highest level of ability.

Just such an athlete was the featured speaker at the Blue and Gold banquet honoring the athletes at Mississippi College recently. He was Rocky Bleier, running back for the Pittsburgh Steelers. Bleier, who con-

fesses to a personal belief in Christ, was so wounded in battle in Vietnam that he was told he might never walk again. Not only does he walk but he scored a key touchdown against the Dallas Cowboys in the Super Bowl. To an inveterate Cowboy fan such as the writer, that was something. Grudgingly, I had to admire the Steelers. They were dedicated to their task. They paid the price. They won.

Bleier gave the formula for being a champion at the Steele coach, Chuck Noll, laid before the team. It has four facets: (1) Have a dream; (2) Establish a goal; (3) Want to achieve; (4)

Pay the price.

This formula will work in any walk of life. It will win the world to Christ if we will become serious about it.

The address by Bleier at the banquet was inspiring, but it was not the most inspirational element. That distinction belonged to the several coaches at Mississippi College as they discussed the young athletes who were being honored. Honors were due every young man or woman who had donned an MC uniform during the year, but particularly impressive were the remarks concerning those who had been named the captains, the most valuable

players, the most improved players, and those who had won other such awards. The coaches spoke of courage and dedication in ways that were truly inspiring.

In many ways athletics is a mirror of life. A successful life is one that is lived with dedication, determination, and courage. Those qualities can be found through faith in Jesus Christ, the giver and sustainer of life and thus the One who is able to chart such a course of life for those who will give up that prerogative for themselves and turn it over to Him. —DTM

Letters To The Editor

A Different Title

Editor:

Concerning your editorial, Jan. 18, 1979 "It all begins with the Local Church," may I offer a different title? How about, "It all begins with the Holy Spirit?"

To me, your statements were biased and judgmental against some of God's anointed men who are doing His will in His way of proclaiming the Good News to a lost world.

As a Christian, I certainly believe in a local church ministry, but God's Great Commission includes, as you well know, not only "Judea and Samaria" but "unto the uttermost parts of the world." When are we going to quit being so "churchy"?

It is my belief that God gave man the intellect, skill, and inventive genius of perfecting the television instrument as a means of reaching untold millions with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

People who ordinarily may have never heard of His love and forgiveness by any other method. I admit there's good as well as evil programmed on "T.V." Your accusations that these men of God are using their viewers offerings to only "put in their pockets" for their own selfish gain is very judgmental. (The men you mentioned whom I believe to be "God called" are Drs. Jerry Falwell, Robert Schuller, Billy Graham, Jim Bakker, and Rex Humbard.)

In one of the Decision magazines, a whole page was devoted to giving an accounting of the money sent in to the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association. The library is to be for ministerial students.

Of course, the offerings supporting these evangelistic ministries are "up in the thousands" — because their audiences are so large. If individual churches had as many "members" or listeners as the "electronic churches" have, their offerings would be likewise, I'm sure. Listen sir... this is God's work and working, I believe.

Personally, I think it a shame that some local preachers cannot rejoice that God's message of redemption is being proclaimed throughout the world by T.V. (and even by satellite-PTL.) Isn't that what really counts? It's worse enough for Non-Christians or enemies of Christ to hurl denouncing remarks at his anointed ones... much less by their brothers in Christ! Wouldn't it be challenging and inspirational if all Christians and preachers of the Christian faith could clasp hands with each other and in the Spirit of Jesus say "Love you" to a lost world — and to each other!

I enjoy reading your state paper and do appreciate your fine work in keeping us Baptists better informed. In the love and spirit of Christ, Miss Julia Calvin Picayune, Ms.

Bible Book Series

Editor:

It seemed good to me to call to your attention that there is another Sunday School curriculum other than the "Uniform Lesson" and "Life and Work Lesson." It is the "Bible Book Series." As a matter-of-fact our church is using this curriculum and we are delighted. It might be appropriate to have the Sunday School Lesson from it in the Record along with the other two.

J. Roy McComb, Pastor
First Baptist Church, Columbia
Agreed. A month of commentary on the new Bible Book Series is scheduled for April.—Editor

Women In The Pulpit

Editor:

In recent months I have read much and heard much about women in the church.

I think if we will all be honest about it, the question is not women in the church. The whole issue is women in the pulpit.

The purpose of this letter is not to

discuss this issue itself, but a particular verse of scripture that is most always used by those in favor of women preachers. The verse I speak of is Gal. 3:28, "There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus."

This verse of scripture has nothing whatsoever to do with the qualifications of a preacher.

I think we must all agree that there is a definite difference between male and female. The scripture has much to say about the duties and responsibilities of both male and female.

Gal. 3:28 does not make all males females or all females males any more than it makes all Jews Greeks and all bond free.

This verse simply states our position in the Lord Jesus Christ as born again ones.

God forbid that we would pervert the scriptures for our own benefit.
Charles A. Kitchen
Tupelo

What Is Correct?

Editor:

I would like to reply to Rev. H. C. Breland's "Greater Decline."

Granted Deut. 22:5 states neither male nor female should wear each other's clothing.

I have searched the King James Version to find the correct mode of dress for male and female. We could not locate it.

Also we need to find the correct length of a man's hair. Corinthians says a man should not wear long hair and woman should wear long hair.

How does he know the King James Version is correct? This version was not the first English translation from Greek. These translations differ greatly. The translation should be put into the spoken language of the day.

The Living Bible is not a translation. Name withheld by request.

Needs In Montana

Editor:

I thank God for Mississippi Southern Baptists! They have been a strong help to our work in Montana and the Northern Plains financially, spiritually, emotionally, and physically through prayer, money, and people who have come to work. We especially need that continued concern now.

Many readers will be interested to know that I have resigned as pastor of Emmanuel Baptist Church in Billings to become the first fulltime teacher for the Yellowstone Baptist Bible Institute here. I came to Emmanuel from the Raymond Baptist Church of Raymond, MS., in June 1973. Mississippi College has worked with this small Institute in providing curriculum guidance and help in screening the faculty. In this way our credit courses are taught only by those who are adequately qualified. This is an invaluable service.

Because our support must come from outside, our progress is slow. Right now we have some specific needs about which I would like our friends to know. We need some financial help for traveling expenses to recruit students and offer courses in off-campus centers. Since I took a 50 per cent cut in salary to teach, I am unable to bear these costs and the Institute cannot at this time. A second financial help needed is our building rent of \$450 per month. Perhaps some church, association, class, or person could pay one month's rent a year. Twelve such commitments would free some money for urgent needs.

Dr. McDonald Held who holds a Ph.D. from Northwestern University is president of the Institute. He has taught on college and university level for 40 years, 25 of which were in Baptist schools. Dr. Held was born in Natchez, MS., while his father was pastor of First Baptist Church.

Curtis R. Ellis
Billings, Mont.

Book Reviews

HIS HEART IS BLACK by W. T. Moore (Home Mission Board, SBC, paper, 96 pp.) Most of the men in this book more than once had blacks introduced them to black audiences by saying, "He may be white on the outside, but his heart is black." It was the highest compliment they could pay. It meant that the man — through his calling from God — had identified with the people with whom he worked. The author is state director of Interracial Work for the Baptist State Convention of Michigan. In the preface he states: "Between 1945 and 1975 the Southern Baptist Convention changed from a segregated and segregating institution to one that is well on the way to becoming racially inclusive. . . . What brought about the changes among Southern Baptists? . . . there were those who saw ahead of time what was going to happen and who were prepared and willing to help it happen." This book tells the stories of six of those persons who were courageous change agents in Southern Baptist life. These six dared to speak out for social justice at a time when such speaking out was unpopular. The final chapter is an honest look at racial developments in Southern Baptist life from 1940 to 1975. One of the six honored is William P. Davis, a Mississippian. Before his retirement, Davis was director of cooperative ministries with National Baptists, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, and president of Mississippi Baptist Seminary. When in 1964, over forty Negro churches were burned in Mississippi, Davis was chairman of the Committee of Concern that helped to rebuild them. Since retirement he has served as teacher and dean of the seminary and as executive director of the Mississippi Religious Leadership Conference.

LULU by LuLu Roman (Fleming H. Revell, 173 pp., \$6.95) LuLu Roman in her childhood in an orphanage was accustomed to stern discipline, beatings, and poverty. When she became a star on the TV show, "Hee Haw," she suddenly had enough money to buy a Lincoln Continental, a house of her own, and all the dope her habit required. But then a lot of troubles hit her. As a result, she realized her need of God, and committed her life to Christ. People with whom she worked soon saw a changed person. This interesting book is LuLu's story.

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McComb Music Minister's Wife Is Families Move On Medical Mission In Ghana To Norway

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By Harold Fleming

Mrs. Neil (Michelle) Harris has recently gone to Ghana by invitation of the Foreign Mission Board to help inoculate 50,000 children. She is the wife of the minister of music at the First Church, McComb.

Her trip was sponsored by First Church, McComb. J. B. Fowler, pastor, led in a commissioning service for Mrs. Harris on Sunday, Feb. 25.

Mrs. Harris left Jackson on March 3. She planned to be in Tamale, Ghana, for nine days and Nalerigu, Ghana for 12 days, and will arrive back in Jackson on March 27.

There has been a serious epidemic of measles in Ghana, and the shots Mrs. Harris will help give are for prevention of that disease.

"I will meet another nurse in Atlanta and the two of us will go to Ghana to inoculate as many of the 50,000 children still unvaccinated as is physically



Michelle and son David

possible," Michelle stated.

"I was offered a three to six month tour but that was just too long to leave

my family," stated Michelle. She has a four-year-old son, David.

"Then all of a sudden this three week duty came up and the Foreign Mission Board called . . . we discussed it and I accepted," she said.

Michelle will live in a compound at Ne'erigu, where other medical personnel is housed, she said, then each morning they will ride out into the countryside to vaccinate children as long as there is daylight. There is a hospital in Nalerigu with two doctors, a dentist and nurses.

"We anticipate being back at the compound each night," she said, "but we will stay wherever we must to get as much work done as possible."

"I am told that it is hot and dirty in Ghana, and the water is rationed," she said.

"I am looking forward to the three weeks with excitement," she said.

(Harold Fleming is minister of education at First, McComb.)

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and church development efforts in Bangalore, India.

Both the Turlingtons and Kirken-dalls hope to return to their work in Tehran, Iran, when other Americans return to that country.

Elsewhere in the Middle East, the possibilities of English-language work continuing in Turkey are brighter.

James F. Leeper was not allowed to remain in the country, but John Allen Moore, a retired Southern Baptist missionary to Europe, is applying for a visa "to help a group of American Christians in Ankara organize a church within the framework of Turkish law and to serve as pastor of the church," Hughey said.

The Moores, still in the United States while awaiting official approval to work in Turkey, plan to stay for several months in this special assignment. They are from Mississippi and Georgia.



Agricultural Missions Foundation

Four employees of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board spoke to members of the Agricultural Missions Foundation during the foundation's ninth annual meeting at Harrisburg Baptist Church in Tupelo. Three of them are shown with a check for \$500, which was gathered at the meeting for use in a small animal project which agricultural missionary Darrell Garner, right, is conducting in the African nation of Malawi. John Cheyne, left, coordinator for disaster relief for the Foreign Mission Board, is at left. In the center is Ray Eitelman, agricultural missionary in Upper Volta, Africa. The donations were raised following special music by Bob and Jan Salley of Waco, Texas, who donate their time to raising money for hunger relief. The fourth missionary speaking was Tom Thurman, field evangelist in Bangladesh. James Smith, pastor of First Baptist Church, Houston, spoke of experiences in Ecuador. Owen Cooper, retired industrialist of Yazoo City, was re-elected president of the foundation.



Chorale Will Tour The South

The William Carey College Chorale, under direction of Donald Winters, will end its annual spring tour on Friday, March 16, with a concert at First Church, Ellisville. The week-long tour also took the group to Alabama, Georgia and Louisiana, as well as to churches in Union and Moss Point.

WMU Convention

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"WMU—MY PART OF THE WORLD"

Benediction

TUESDAY AFTERNOON, 1:30 p.m.

Prelude

Hymns of Praise

Prayer

MEDITATION PERIOD

Speaker — Mrs. Gilliland

Soloist — Mrs. Odom

"PHILADELPHIA—MY PART OF ALL THE WORLD"

Hymn

Solo

"MY MISSIONARY JOURNEY IN ACTEENS"

Hymn

Solo

"IVORY COAST—OUR PART OF THE WORLD"

Prayer

TUESDAY EVENING, 6:30-8:30—ADVENTURES IN MISSIONSLAND

Missions visualized through missionary drama, missionary puppet theatre, missionary motion picture, through meeting missionary personnel and securing their autographs, and through missionary displays. Designed for men and women, Acteens, GAS, Royal Ambassadors, and older Mission Friends.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, 9:30 a.m.

Prelude

Hymns of Praise

Prayer

MEDITATION PERIOD

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"NIGERIA—MY PART OF ALL THE WORLD"

Hymn

Offertory Prayer

"BANGLADESH—MY PART OF THE WORLD"

Hymn

Solo

"ME?—TO THE WHOLE WORLD?"

Benediction

Mrs. A. Harrison Gregory

Mrs. Helen Johnson

Mrs. Murry Alexander

Gaynor Yancey,

Missionary in Philadelphia

Becky Briscoe

Susan Washburn

Andy Alexander

Dr. & Mrs. Charles Deevers,

missionaries to Ivory Coast

Mrs. James Jackson

Mrs. Robert Dent

Emogene Harris,

missionary to Nigeria

Mrs. Charles Tyler

Mrs. Thomas Thurman,

missionary to Bangladesh

Mrs. A. Harrison Gregory

Mrs. Robert Smira

1,000 Expected

"Lamar County For Christ" Rally Will Be March 22

Lamar County Association will hold an evangelism rally at Richburg Church on March 22 from 7 to 9:30 p.m.

"We expect 1,000 Southern Baptists to attend," said Richard Miley, chairman of evangelism for the association and pastor of the Richburg Church.

Joel C. Murphy will speak, leading the association in "Preparing for Revival." Murphy, recently retired pastor of Second Avenue Church, Laurel, is continuing his ministry through evangelistic work.

Dallas Rayborn will direct the "Him" Praise. Betty Pace will be presented in concert, with Dean Hamric as accompanist. Mrs. W. W. McGee will be organist for the rally.

Jim Beck is the associational moderator; Ray Grissett, consultant, Cooperative Missions Department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, is the foster missionary.

Mississippi Baptist Activities

March 18-25 Youth Week (Church Training Emphasis)

March 19-21 WMU Convention, FBC, Greenville, 7 p.m., 19th—Noon, 21st

March 19 BYW Banquet, FBC, Greenville, 5:30-7:00 p.m. (WMU)

March 22 Sunday School/Church Growth Conf., FBC, Louisville,

7:00-9:30 p.m.

March 22-23 Professional Preschool and Children's Directors' Fellowship, Baptist Building, Jackson, 6 p.m., 22nd—Noon, 23rd (WMU/CT)

March 23-24 State Handbell/Instrumental Festival, Coliseum, Mississippi

College, 6:30 p.m., 23rd—Noon, 24th

March 24 Associational Youth Night (CT emphasis)

March 24 Summer Youth Ministries Workshop, MUW, Columbus,

9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m. (CAPM)

Bolivar Agricultural Fellowship Will Hear John Cheyne

The Bolivar County Agricultural Missions Fellowship will meet March 17 at 7 p.m. at Boyle Church. John Cheyne of the Foreign Mission Board will be the speaker.

Eugene Grubbs, also of the Foreign Mission Board staff, had been scheduled to speak, but has cancelled because of illness, according to Billy Beckett, pastor of the Boyle Church.

Missionaries Stay In Yemen

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"not so far away" but emphasized it

had not reached Jibla.

"No Americans have been involved in the fighting or have been injured," Hughey said. He said the ambassador

had asked Americans on government assignments, including Peace Corps and Agency for International Development workers, to move from the southern area to Sanaa.

None of the other Americans in the Jibla area made the move.

Yemen (sometimes called North Yemen) is closely related to Saudi Arabia, where many Yemeni men work. The only real "export" of Yemen is labor. Approximately \$3 million a day is sent into Yemen from Yemenis working elsewhere.

Yemen stretches along the side of the Arabian peninsula facing the Gulf of Suez. The People's Democratic Republic of Yemen, a Communist country backed in this battle by Russia, stretches along the southern end of the peninsula. The two nations are traditionally enemies and this is the second border fight in the last five years.

Yemen is a Muslim country, where Southern Baptists have a hospital and a public health ministry. The 70-bed hospital in Jibla is the only medical care in the area of this village and also provides outpatient clinics. Southern Baptists have been working in Yemen since 1964.

Los Angeles (RNS) — A lawsuit has been filed against the International Society for Krishna Consciousness (ISKON) by the City of Los Angeles seeking to limit the group's solicitations of funds in terminals of the Los Angeles Airport.

Rev. and Mrs. David A. Michel, have a new daughter, Rachel Carol, born about 4 p.m. Feb. 28, 1979, at Baptist Hospital, weight seven pounds and 15 ounces, "red hair, a natural attraction for the future." Paternal grandparents are Rev. and Mrs. P. A. Michel of Brookhaven and maternal grandparents, Mrs. Gerald Herndon, and the late Mr. Herndon of Corinth. The baby has one brother, Andy, age 2.

Unity Church, Attala County, ordained John Cockrell on Feb. 11. He is a native of Carthage and a graduate of Mississippi College. Levon Moore, Attala director of missions, presided over the service and Percy Cooper of Carthage preached the ordination sermon.

Kay Richardson was guest speaker in prayer meeting at First, Crystal Springs, on March 7. A student at Mississippi College, she has served as a summer missionary in New Jersey and met the Crystal Springs young people on their mission trip last year to Philadelphia, Penn. Her parents are missionaries in Puerto Rico.

Naul Bodden, a 1973 graduate of William Carey College and a native of the Cayman Islands, has become the first Caymanian to receive certified public accountant standing. Bodden, a Christian and Baptist most of his life, attends the First Baptist Church of Grand Cayman. He and his wife are both charter members of First Church, organized last year.

James and Paulette Kellum, missionaries to the Philippines, have arrived in the States for furlough (address: 334 North Circle, Clarksdale, Miss., 38614). They are natives of Mississippi.



At the speakers' table at the Queen's Court banquet were Bob and Dolores Magee, missionaries to Colombia, Mrs. Barbara Joiner of Alabama, Mrs. Mary Libby Payne, Ray Bridges, Steve Bishop, and Pat Henderson.



Royalty arrives for the Acteens banquet at Garaywa.



Becky Briscoe, second from left, consultant, state WMU Department, directed the Queens' Court. Susan Washburn, Blue Mountain, seated at end of table, is a member of the National Acteens' Panel.

Queens' Court Proves To Acteens They Don't Have To Wait To Serve

By Risa Webb, Acteen Midway Church, Meridian

The royalty of Mississippi's Acteens came to Garaywa for Queens' Court March 24. After supper Friday night we met in the auditorium to sing, to pray, and to learn how other Acteens meet the physical and spiritual needs of people. Barbara Joiner, an Acteens leader, told how her Acteens took their knowledge of God to the ghettos of Chicago. It was contagious. God's radiance shone from those Acteens to the ghettos and then to Camp Garaywa.

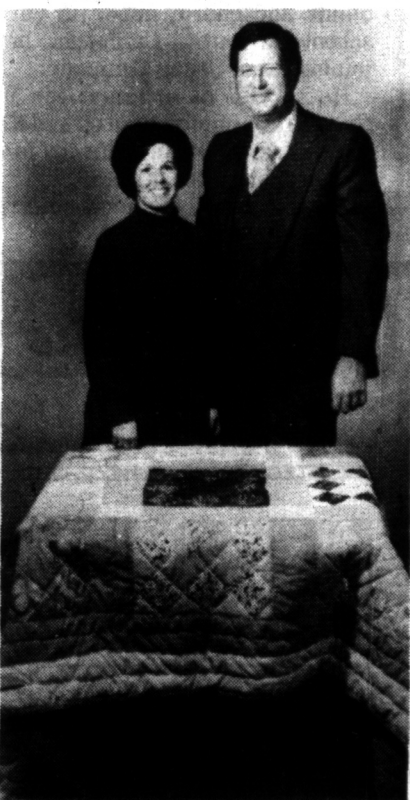
Saturday gave Acteens the opportunity to attend self-improvement and career-related conferences. Peer and family relationships, charm, person-

ality, and physical fitness were a part of the self-improvement conferences. That afternoon we learned about secular and religious careers. We saw how God worked through two careers to accomplish His purpose. Mrs. Libby Payne, a professor at Mississippi College School of Law, shared how God had worked through her career in jurisprudence. Miss Nay Bennett, activities director at Sellers Baptist Home and Adoption Center, told of her experiences and God's work there.

Saturday night we put away our jeans and donned our queenly apparel for our royal banquet. The banquet spotlighted Acteens who had worked all the way through the Studiaet program. The banquet was followed by en-

tertainment featuring Steve Bishop, a singer from Mississippi College. Ray Bridges, BSU director for Holmes Junior College, performed a magic act and related his performance to the scripture.

Sunday morning was a time for Bible study and our final session. Barbara Joiner once again showed how God had worked through Acteens' prayers. The growing realization that "now is the time" came to a peak with the closing of Queens' Court 1979. Acteens realized they do not have to wait for great things to happen, they do not have to wait to serve the Lord. Acteens can serve, love, and through total surrender to God's will, make great things happen for His Glory now!



Lamar Williams began his ministry as pastor of Good Hope Church, Leake County, July 9, 1978. He was ordained at Mount Vernon Church in Newton County, Sunday, Oct. 6, 1978. Williams is married to the former Retha Pace of Newton County and they have three children, Beverly, 17, Susie, 13, and Ron, 4. The above picture shows Pastor and Mrs. Williams with the friendship quilt given to them by the WMU members at Good Hope.

Thomas S. Field, president of William Jewell College, has announced his retirement, effective June 1980 at age 65. J. Gordon Kingsley, currently dean of the Baptist college, was named president-elect by the school's trustees, Feb. 15. He will continue as dean until the retirement of Field, who has served as president since 1970. A native of Columbia, Mo., Kingsley earned bachelor of arts degree from Mississippi College, master of arts degree from the University of Missouri, and bachelor of divinity and doctor of theology degrees from the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

Kingsley has been dean of William Jewell since August 1976, and served as associate dean for three years before that. He has also served as assistant professor of English, professor of English and director of special programs at the college.

Prior to joining the faculty at William Jewell College, Kingsley had taught at Kentucky Southern College, Tulane University and Mississippi College, and served as assistant to the president at New Orleans Seminary.

Retirement Project:

'Adopt A Friend'

By Anne McWilliams

Nell Vaughn Burnett has a retirement project that involves helping others as well as herself. She has "adopted" two friends at Carter's Guest Home on Cooper Road in Jackson.

Betty Neely, in a wheelchair, has been crippled all her life. Esther (Little Bit) Watson is totally deaf and is blind in one eye. She "talks" to her visitors mostly with pad and pencil. Nell says that she has found real joy in visiting and getting to know both.

Mrs. Burnett had worked for the Baptist Record ten years (plus several years part time) when she retired January 1 of this year. As she looked toward retirement, she said, she began searching for a way to give time to volunteer service. A woman at her beauty shop suggested that she get to know these two women at the nursing home.

Early last year she began visiting the nursing home regularly, sometimes taking fruit or personal items that Esther and Betty needed or had requested.

At times she simply takes herself, offering companionship and love to the lonely. She helps celebrate birthdays and holidays. Sometimes her new husband goes along. A widow, she married Al Burnett last fall. They live at 3857 Meadow Lane and go to Westview Church. Of course, she saves some time for her son, Lewis Vaughn, coach at Soso, and her three grandchildren.

Off and on, Esther and Betty have been roommates at the nursing home. Since Esther cannot hear and Betty does not read, it is rather difficult for them to communicate, but they manage by signs and lip reading and having the nurses interpret.

Esther has been deaf since her birth



Betty, Nell, and Esther

on September 29 around 72 years ago at Lexington. As a youth she lived on a farm in Holmes County and attended the Methodist Church at West. Her father, Joseph Hatch Watson, was a doctor. When his first wife died he married Fannie M. Smith, Esther's mother. In all, he had 8 children.

Esther moved to the Carter Nursing Home in 1976, having previously lived at nursing homes in Grenada and Greenwood. In a note, she wrote, "I miss my family. I have no folks, no home. Nobody has cared for me for 15 years. I have been lonesome." So enthusiastic was she over Nell's visit that she danced a little jig.

She studied at the old deaf school on West Capitol street in Jackson and was to have graduated in 1921, but a classmate slapped her, and her nose bled all over her dress in class. As a result, she left school and did not return.

Her merry eyes sparkled as she thought again of school days, and wrote hurriedly, "My old mates skated. I did a little, but after I fell from skating so fast at the old school in Jackson, I was glad I did not break my back!"

Her poor vision does not allow her to read as much as she always liked to do, but her brilliant mind is always active. She said, "I love the Bible, and read 'loves' and nice stories. I would like to read more."



Betty

Betty Neely, 44, is the youngest resident of Carter's Nursing Home. She said, "I wish someone in Jackson would establish a nursing home just for younger people, because I believe there are a good many my age in the Jackson area who would live there."

Betty, of Hollandale, is the oldest of six children. Her sister Libby is married to Ed McDaniel, pastor of First Baptist Church, Durant. Betty, who is a member of Trinity Methodist Church, Jackson, said she likes to attend worship services that are held periodically at the nursing home.

Since she doesn't read, she enjoys the television which her boy friend Jesse Houston gave her. She and Jesse met at the Crippled Children's Clinic in Jackson, when they were children.

In a course taught at St. James Episcopal Church, she learned to do decoupage and other crafts, and enjoys spending time with these. Often she decorates the door of her room with ornaments that she makes.

Betty has lived in Jackson for seven years. "I moved this far away from my family, because I wanted to be as independent as possible, and make a life of my own," she said.

With a cheerful spirit, she does all she can to contribute to the happiness of other residents of the home, older than herself. "It was very hard to adjust at first," she said, "but love and patience can find a way to communicate with and help others."

Nursing homes everywhere are full of people who would welcome being thus adopted.

Earl E. Brown, Everette Pastor, Dies In Canton

Last rites for Earl E. Brown of Canton were held at 2 p.m. Monday, March 5, from Center Terrace Church, with Solie Smith and Zack Wittingham officiating.

Interment followed in the Canton Cemetery.

Brown, 62, died early Saturday, March 3, at Madison General Hospital, following an extended illness.

He was a native of Hamberg, Arkansas, and had lived in Canton for 32 years. He studied at Clarke College, Holmes Junior College, and Mississippi College. Until he became ill he was employed with the T-W-L Warehouse as a shipping and receiving clerk, and also served as pastor of Everette Church in Mendenhall.

Brown was former pastor of Antioch Church of Prentiss; Lone Pine Church, Farmhaven, Mount Vernon and Bowling Green Churches in West; and McDonald Church in Leake County.

A veteran of World War II, he was a Mason.

He leaves his wife, Mrs. Verna Lee Brown of Canton; one daughter, Mrs. William (Dorothy) Downey of Fort Walton Beach, Fla.; his mother, Mrs. Ollie L. Brown and one brother, Willie M. Brown, both of Canton; and three grandchildren.



Carey Honors The Winters

Dan Hall, director Church Music Department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, right, and William Reynolds, left, who holds the same position on the Southern Baptist Convention level in Nashville, take part in the honoring of Dean and Mrs. Donald Winters, center. The Winters will be retiring soon from leadership roles they have held for many years in the Carey School of Music. Prior to their coming to Mississippi the two founded and organized curriculum for the School of Church Music at Southern Seminary in Louisville, Ky. Winters will continue to direct the Carey College Choral and will also teach some classes in church music. Mrs. Winters is actively involved in the television ministry of First Church, Hattiesburg.

Booklet Is A Labor Of Love

By Dot Steen

Sit and rock? Never would Eunice J. Campbell be satisfied to do that. She has retired several times from various jobs since retiring as business manager of The Baptist Record.

Now that she has decided to stay home, or rather not work at a paid job, her active mind is always busy dreaming up new projects. One of the latest is the publishing of "Green and Gold," a book of devotions for the young people of First Baptist Church, Vicksburg.

A short article about the project is published in the March issue of "Mature Living" edited by John Warren Steen of the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Mrs. Campbell got the idea for the book of devotions from a young college student who suggested that he thought the older adults had something important to say.

Mrs. Campbell enlisted the aid of several persons of various ages to write short devotionals. Students at the local vocational school typed the devotionals and volunteers put it together. Robbie Baria served as staff artist and drew appropriate illustrations for the booklet. Her sister, Dorothy Booth, served as editorial assistant.

The cover of the booklet features a bud, an open flower and a shedding flower, symbolic of spiritual growth. Comments of the youth are contained in this statement, "How wonderful to know you care." Mrs. Campbell teaches a women's



Cover for the book of devotions written and compiled for the youth of First Baptist Church in Vicksburg features a bud, an open flower and a shedding flower, symbolic of spiritual growth. From a green shoot there is suggested maturity until that bud becomes a flower and eventually shares its life with others.

Sunday School class at First Baptist Church and participates in many activities including a crafts and needlework class.

What will be her next big project? One can be sure that she will not be idle as long as difficulties are there to be surmounted. (Reprinted from the Vicksburg Evening Post.)

Recital Is Presented On New Organ At 1st, Purvis

A recital of organ music was presented on March 10 at the First Baptist sanctuary of First Church, Purvis, by Dwight Beecham, organist of Allentown, Pa.

Beecham is a native of Los Angeles, Calif. He holds a Bachelor of Music degree from Chapman College, Orange, Calif., and was director of bands and choral music in various schools in central California, before joining Allen Organ Company.

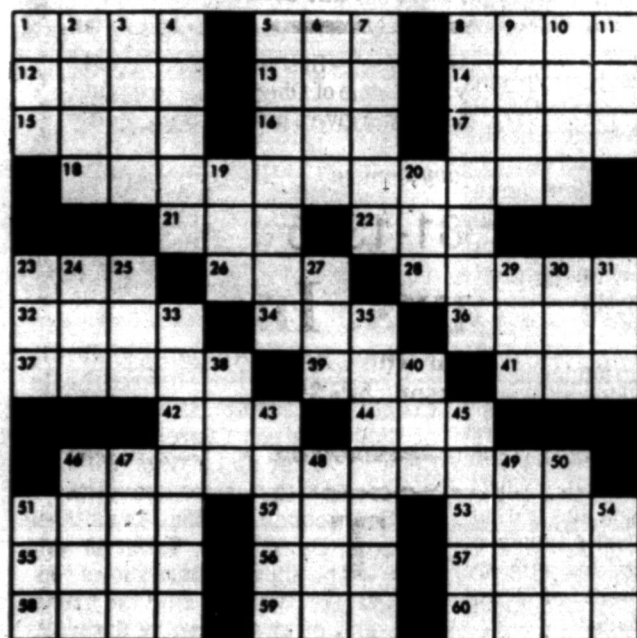
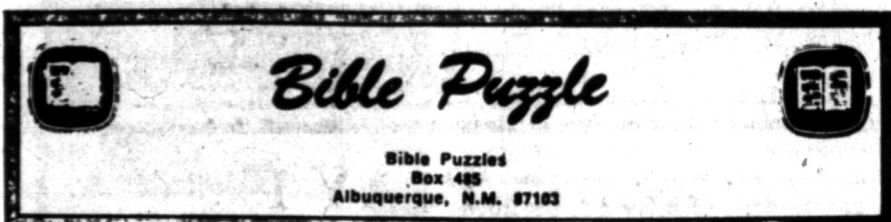
He served as organist for West Culver City Baptist Church and Eagle Rock Presbyterian Church, in Los Angeles, at various times.

His program included selections

by J. S. Bach, Marcel Dupre, Richard Strauss and various hymn tune arrangements.

The new three manual and pedal organ of special design was built by Allen Organ Company, Macungie, Pa., and employs the latest in electronic technology.

The organ is equipped with an extensive high compliance speaker system, employing seven audio channels. The console is custom built, with red mahogany interior; the exterior being finished in white in keeping with the churches decor.



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 - "so is good —" (Prov. 25)
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 - "I — twice in the week" (Luke 18)
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 - Play division
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- Stepped
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- Involved in: colloq.
- Fish eggs
- "into the — places" (Heb. 9)
- Kind of grape or plum
- Sin
- Divin's forte
- Double
- Streets: abbr.
- Radio signal

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- Indian timber tree
- Zeta followers
- "— that man" (2 Thess. 3)
- Dot
- Wonderful (Isa. 9:6; 2 words)
- "Nevertheless — saw them" (2 Sam. 17)
- Smooths by grinding
- "I find — in him" (John 19)
- French state
- Desire
- Big airplane: abbr.
- Canadian province: abbr.
- Dawn goddess
- Snake
- Measure (Ezek. 45:14)
- Also
- Cooking utensil
- Macaw genus
- "for he had a —" (Acts 18)
- Edition: abbr.
- "laughed him —" (Luke 8)
- Angels (Matt. 13:39)
- Distant
- Sesame
- Word in a dream (Dan. 5)
- Faithful one (Heb. 11:31)
- Weather word
- Small case
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Just For The Record



Mt. Pleasant Celebrates 100th Year

Mt. Pleasant Church (Smith) celebrated its 100th birthday on Dec. 10, 1978. Pictured are former pastors present for the occasion. Left to right: Thomas Sanders (recently licensed by Mt. Pleasant), Darrell Craft (licensed and ordained by Mt. Pleasant, serving as pastor of Eastside, Smith Association); Jerry Glen McRaney, present pastor; Tommy Purvis (former pastor, now serving Bethel Church, Lincoln Association); Billy

Ray Smith, (former pastor, now serving Sardis Church, Smith Association); and Ernest Sanders (father of Thomas Sanders, former pastor of Mt. Pleasant, now serving Military Church, Lamar Association).

Mt. Pleasant Church recently reorganized its WMU organizations, and went beyond the Lottie Moon Offering goal of \$75, giving \$92. Jackie K. McRaney is WMU director.

A joint luncheon meeting of the Day and Night WMU groups was held in the New Fellowship Hall of First, Pontotoc on Feb. 12. The Doris Compere Group had the program and Mrs. William Jackson, associational WMU director was special guest. Mrs. Hoyle Hester, WMU director for First Church, reported that the church has surpassed their Lottie Moon Offering goal of \$10,000 by attaining a total offering of \$13,399.47. Gordon Sansing is pastor.

It was Valentine's Day and the sweethearts were gathering — young, old, and in between. The fellowship halls at First, Pontotoc were filled to capacity as members and guests gathered for a churchwide banquet featuring guest speaker, Tom Goode, assistant head coach and offensive line coach at the University of Mississippi and his wife, Eleanor.

The program included a variation of

the "Oldy-Wed Game," with contestants selected from the audience. The Men's Quartet and Jim Hess, minister of music, presented music for the evening.

While activities progressed in the downstairs Fellowship Hall, a hot dog supper and cartoon film festival for the three, four and five year olds was held in the Old Fellowship Hall. Both groups had record attendance.



CONCORD CHURCH, TIPPAH ASSOCIATION, honored Robert Walker and his family with a reception on January 21. The church presented them with a silver tray acknowledging their service since 1967. Walker has resigned to take the pastorate of Sunrise Church, Carthage. Shown are T. C. Mauney, Jr., chairman of deacons, Pastor and Mrs. Walker.

Staff Changes

McCool Church, Attala County, has called Robert Arnett as interim pastor. Arnett, a member of Williamsville Church, is on the faculty of Holmes Junior College, Goodman.

Jerry Kennedy has accepted the pastorate of Walnut Grove Church in Lake County. He is married to the former Sandra Glenn and they have a son, Jason, 3. Kennedy and his wife are both from Montgomery, Ala. He graduated from Auburn University of Montgomery and will receive the Master of Divinity degree from New Orleans Seminary in May.

Zama Church of Attala County has called Eugene Bailey as pastor. For the past several months Bailey had been serving the church as interim pastor. A service of ordination was held for him on Feb. 25 at McCool Church. Levon Moore, Attala director of missions, preached the ordination sermon.

Yockanookany Church, Attala County, has called Lee Castle as pastor. The church held a service of ordination for Castle on Feb. 18. Levon Moore, director of missions, presided and Robert Mounts, pastor of First Church, Louisville, preached the ordination sermon.



First, Senatobia, has added two new staff members. Standing is Reed Buntin, minister of education/recreation. His wife Debbie is not pictured. Seated is R. Clay Moore, minister of music/youth, and his wife Debbie. John Flowers is pastor.

Elton Moore has accepted the call to become pastor of the Castlewood Mission in Rankin Association.

Dan Hall has accepted the position as minister of education and youth at Madison Church, Madison. The 26-year-old Hall is moving from Second Church, Greenville, where he is minister of education. He holds the Master of Religious Education degree from Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Tex. He is married to the former Betty Jo Grayson, who also has an MRE from Southwestern.



Kreole Avenue Church, Moss Point, has called M. H. Cates, Sr. as pastor. He is a native of Birmingham and has served as pastor in Alabama and Florida, and moved to Mississippi from a church in Miami. He is a graduate of Samford University, Birmingham, and has studied at Mobile College and Bible Baptist Bible Institute at Graceville, Fla. He is married to the former Billie Ann Odom and they are the parents of four children. The youngest, Brian Keith, 11, is pictured above with his parents.

Harold Anderson has assumed the pastorate of Friendship Church, Aberdeen. He moved there from First Church, Bude, where he was pastor for five years. He is a graduate of Mobile College and received a Master of Divinity degree from New Orleans Seminary. A native of Florida, he is married and has three daughters.

Robinson Street Church, Jackson, has called James M. Doyle as pastor. His first sermons will be Sunday, March 18 at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Doyle is a recent graduate of the Southern Seminary. He is married to the former Peggy Fay Hargrove and they have one son. He comes to Mississippi from the Parkwood Baptist Church of Clarksdale, Indiana.

Wayne Edwards has accepted the pastorate of First Church, Eudora, to DeSoto County. He moved there from Hopewell Church in Newton County.

Ebenezer Church, Mississippi Association, has called Alvin Hall of Ethel, La. as pastor. Alvin Bedgood of Woodville had been interim pastor since last fall and is now available for other interim work or supply.



THE FAMILY LIFE BUILDING of the West Laurel Church was the setting for a family Sweetheart Banquet. About 250 guests attended. Each guest cast a vote for the 1979 sweethearts. Maria Thompson, and Sid Hughes, II, front row, were chosen. Guest speaker was Grady Nutt, comedian from Louisville, Ky., back row, center. The church hostess, Mrs. Frances Myrick, and a group of church members prepared the meal. Michael Burt, minister of music is at left, back row, and the pastor, Wayne DuBose, is at right.

Bethel Church, Monticello had a day of celebration and worship Sunday, March 4. Additional pews that had been placed in the sanctuary were dedicated; a covered drive was dedicated; and the note was burned that had been incurred in building a new fellowship hall, kitchen, classrooms, restrooms, and a pastor's study. This debt was paid off in less than three years.

Trustees serving during this time were: Gene Moak, Sherrod Rayborn, Roy Reynolds, Lloyd Powell, Emmett Davis, Hezzie Williamson, Toby Johnson, Gerald Sumrall, Earl Benson, and Joey Hudson. The pastor, Ken Marler, states that because of these projects and others like them, the church family has a real sense of fellowship and caring for one another, and that this in turn radiates throughout the community.

Sherrod Rayborn, is Chairman of Deacons and Lloyd Powell is Chairman of Building Committee.

Bethlehem (Jones) held a Sweetheart Banquet in the church fellowship hall on the theme, "Love, Pass It On." Tom (Eb) Lester, former star of the television show, "Green Acres," was the speaker. He challenged the young people to be thoroughly Christian wherever they go and in whatever situation they find themselves. Don

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PARKWAY CHURCH, NATCHEZ, honored PHIL MYERS on his fifth anniversary as minister of education. Pictured with Myers are his wife Linda and their children, Kris, Kyle, and Kari. During the morning service a check was presented to Myers on behalf of the congregation by the pastor, Gerald P. Buckley. Following the evening service a reception was held in Fellowship Hall and a silver tray was presented to the Myers family.

Over the past five years Sunday School enrollment has increased from 790 to 1070 and Sunday School average attendance has gone from 340 to 435. Church Training enrollment stood at 332 five years ago and is 407 presently; average attendance has doubled from 102 to 207.

Myers is a native of Ellsville, and is a graduate of Oklahoma Baptist University and Southwestern Seminary. He served as minister of education at Second Church, Springfield, Mo., before coming to Natchez.



Bethel Church (Jones) has ordained three new deacons. Left to right they are Arthur Butler, employed by Masonite Fab of Laurel; Paul Little, detective sergeant of the Laurel Police Department; and Bruce Kelly, owner and operator of Sandersville Auto Supply. The church presented each a new Bible. This presentation was made by the chairman of the deacons, L. E. Reeves. The pastor is Danny Stringer.



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Senior Adults Will Cruise The Caribbean

John Lee Taylor, former pastor of First Baptist Church, Grenada, will be the Bible study leader for a spring Caribbean cruise for the National Association of Baptist Senior Adults.

Taylor is now pastor of West Jackson Baptist Church in Jackson, Tenn.

The cruise will be sponsored by the Family Ministry Department of the Sunday School Board. Bryan Tours of Jackson, Miss., is handling the arrangements. The cruise will be April 21 to 28. The ship will visit San Juan, Puerto Rico; St. Thomas, Virgin Islands; and St. Maarten, Lesser Antilles.

Horace L. Kerr, formerly of Jackson, Miss., is supervisor of the Senior Adult Ministry of the Family Ministry Department. Adelle Carlson will be the tour director.

La Tuna, Uruguay — Lost beneath the snow drifts? Surrounded by a blizzard? Icicles in your garden? Think Uruguay! It's no travelog, just plain fact. At the third international MK (missionary kid) retreat in La Tuna, Uruguay, for children of Southern Baptist missionaries in Argentina, Uruguay, and Paraguay, 44 youngsters and their families feasted on the great summertime treat — watermelon. Trying to make you eat your heart out? Not really. Summer months below the equator are December, January and February. It's our turn next.

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Several young people visit the new media center at New Home Church. Left to right are Rhonda Oswalt, Joyce Johnston, media center director; Miltz Hood, and Gail Johnston.

New Home Media Center is Memorial To Janie Maxcy

New Home Church, Fulton, has added a media center. The church is one of the first in the Itawamba County



Joyce Johnston, media center director at New Home Church, and C. D. Hood, Jr., pastor, examine the book, IN HIS STEPS.

Association to provide the benefits of a church library.

The media center was presented to the church by the T. S. Maxcy family in memory of their daughter, Janie Maxcy, who died as a result of an automobile accident in January, 1976.

The Maxcy family expressed a desire to give funds to be used by the church as a memorial to Janie, who was a dedicated church member and Sunday School teacher. After prayer and consultation with the pastor, C. D. Hood, Jr., the family decided to use the donation for a media center fund.

The church then decided on the location for the media center and chose Miss Joyce Johnston as church librarian, or director of the media center.

On the morning of Jan. 21, 1979, New Home held a dedication service, and opened the doors of the media center to the New Home members. Speakers were Pastor Hood and Lester Janes of Fulton, director of missions, Itawamba County.

Gail Johnston, church reporter, stated, "The church is very proud of its media center and is looking forward to using it as a resource center and an entertainment center for all members who enjoy reading."

12 From First, Indianola Are At Glorieta For Ski-Bible Conference

Twelve people left Indianola, Miss., last week to go to New Mexico to attend the Glorieta Ski-Bible Conference, March 18-24.

Ron Bolen is director of the group, all of whom are from First Church, Indianola. All attending the conference are juniors in high school or older.

Glorieta Ski-Bible Conference, March 18-24

INDIANOLA, MISS. (AP) — Twelve people from First Church, Indianola, Miss., left last week for New Mexico to attend the Glorieta Ski-Bible Conference, March 18-24.

Church Rec Celebrates 25 Years Of Service

NASHVILLE — The church recreation department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board celebrated its silver anniversary during February.

Beginning in 1954 with Agnes Pylant and an associate, the department has grown to 14 staff members who are continually seeking ways to provide service and support to Southern Baptist churches and its programs.

Not only has the department grown

in personnel but in its avenues of outreach which now include more than 10 areas such as drama, camping, puppets, sports, fellowships and others.

"Throughout the 25 years the church recreation department has sought to fulfill its purpose of being a channel of service and support, a catalyst in outreach, a vehicle for ministry and mission action, a tool for teaching and an avenue to abundant living," said Ray Conner, secretary of the department.

Lauderdale Will Continue California Church Project

Lauderdale Association has accepted the challenge to complete the Bold Mission Project begun with Sierra First Baptist Church in Alta, CA last year. Involvement will be approximately \$3,000 in money and recruitment of men who will work on the building the latter part of June in this year.

Twelve men from Lauderdale Association began a church building for Sierra First Baptist Church at Alta during September of 1978. The exterior of the building has been finished with the exception of windows and doors.

Windows and doors and the completion of the interior of the building will be the project for 1979. The doors will be built from lumber already at the site. They will need approximately

\$1,000 for the windows, \$1,000 for insulation and \$1,000 for wiring.

Sheetrock for the building has already been donated by people in California.

Honduras — Southern Baptist missionary S. Wayne Wheeler of Georgia was elected president of the Honduras Baptist Convention during its 21st annual meeting. It had been 10 years since a missionary had taken the post. In other action, the convention approved "Uno Mas Uno" (One Plus One) — a plan where each church member was challenged to win at least one person to Christ, and each of the 30 churches in the convention accepted the goal of establishing one new mission.

Chaplain Will Speak

Seminar For Ministers Will Be At Forrest Hospital

Chaplain C. B. Hamlet, III, has announced that a hospital seminar for ministers conducted by Forrest General Hospital, Hattiesburg, will be held Thursday, March 22, from 3:45 until 8 p.m.

The general theme for this year's seminar will concern services of the hospital helpful to the minister in his pastoral care ministry.

The featured speaker is Chaplain Lowell F. Sodeman, Director of Hospital and Industrial Chaplaincy, Home Mission Board, SBC.



Sodeman

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Other program personnel includes G. O. Runnels, M.D., psychiatry; Carol Gould, R.N., mental health nursing clinical specialist-psychiatric manager at FGH; Ralph Wicker, M.D., neuro-surgery, president-elect of medical staff, FGH, and Lowery Woodall, executive director, FGH.

Chaplain Sodeman has served as an U.S. Army Chaplain, pastor in North Carolina and Kentucky, and Chaplain of North Carolina Baptist Hospital, Winston-Salem. Since 1966 he has been associate director, Division of Chaplaincy, Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Ga.

All ministers of the area are invited to attend the seminar which concludes with a fellowship meal. Hamlet said.

Devotional

Through Death To Life

By Bill Causey, Pastor, Parkway, Jackson

Galatians 2:20

An old man who had never flown before went for his first airplane ride. The waiting family asked him when he got off if he enjoyed it. "Yep," he said, "but I never did put all my weight down."



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That's the way it is with many people in the walk of faith. They fear that faith is not sturdy enough to bear them up if things get tough.

In fact there is a kind of approach today which preaches that if we are right with God everything will be rosy. That simply isn't so! Following Jesus isn't always easy. The joy it offers, however, is sturdier than fragile circumstances. Paul describes his experience thus:

I. Through death there is life (2:20a)

Paul experienced what it meant to die to self. It is not a pathological wish to escape life. It is not the blindness to other options which the world offered, such as education and personal achievement. Paul had explored these choices and found them empty.

Instead, he made the willful choice of the Jesus way. Having discovered that all else is a mirage which disappears upon close examination. Paul had all the pieces of the puzzle fall into place when he met Jesus.

Paul had been trying to give birth to a self who was a high achiever. Instead, in giving up personal ambitions, he went through spiritual discovery as Jesus had predicted: "Whoever will lose his life for my sake will surely find it." He found life.

II. This life is really Jesus in us (2:20b)

He proceeds to tell us what really happened to him. When the disillusionment of the "world system" was given up, the reality of the resurrection life became clear to him. While the relics of his past religion fell away and lay dead; this man, Jesus, who wouldn't stay dead, rose to meet him in an undeniable display of truth. He simply chose the only enduring thing in this world — Jesus! Jesus literally became his life.

The living Christ took up His residence in Paul's life. So, though I'm alive, he says, it is really "Christ living in me." "For me to live is Christ" he said in another place.

III. This new life is focused on Jesus (2:20c)

In abandoning the old self he found his truest self surging with God's own power. The "nowness" of the experience of Jesus in his life is that from which he draws strength. In coping with the life he must continue to live in this real world he puts his confidence in this new strength-supplying companion. He walks by faith in "the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me."

Lamar Association Holds First Spring Meeting

Lamar County Association held a spring meeting on the evening of March 5 at Calvary Church. It was the first time the association had ever met in the spring.

Officers elected for 1979-80 will take over their duties at the time of the fall associational meeting. Ray Grissett, Lamar foster missionary, said that spring election will give the new officers a chance to attend leadership training meetings in May, and conferences at Gulfshore and Ridgecrest or Glorieta during the summer, so that they will then be ready to take over their jobs in October.

Grissett, who is consultant in the Cooperative Missions Department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board,

was the featured speaker at the associational meeting.

Jim Beck, Calvary pastor, is the moderator, Eddie Hamilton the vice-moderator, and W. W. McGee the treasurer/clerk.

Don Odum led the singing. Glenda Dozier of Hattiesburg presented special music. Others on program were Richard Miley and James Yates.

The Coaltown Fellowship Church applied for entrance to the association and the request will be voted on in October. The Coaltown Fellowship Church was constituted Feb. 18, 1979, with 35 charter members. It was formerly the Fellowship Mission.

The fall associational meeting will be for two days — Oct. 22 at Richburg and Oct. 23 at Greenville Church.

Uniform Lesson

Discipline Within The Fellowship

By Larry Kennedy, First, Laurel

1 Cor. 5:9-13

There was a time when churches took very seriously the practice of church discipline. Many years ago the clerk of the Monte Vista Church of Webster County, wrote in the church minutes: "We the Monte Vista Church of our Lord which was planted through thy servants acknowledge to our Father that we have not carried out the discipline as we should and dear Father we deplore (sic) thy pardon and forgiveness and we as members promise to carry out thy discipline in the future better than we have in the past."

At times the discipline process could be very amusing. In the year 1900, two Mississippians returned home after a weekend spent at the state fair in Jackson, Mississippi, and they informed the church that they had seen a machine which made ice. Without hesitation, the church expelled the two men for "lying and falsehood." A sagacious deacon, however, suggested that since the world was changing, it might be best to send a committee to Jackson to see if the story could be true. The church appointed the deacon as its one-man delegation. The deacon returned the following Sunday to report that the machine did make ice, and it made the ice from hot water. Immediately the deacon was expelled from the church for "lying and general unchristianlike conduct."

Discipline in the New Testament was not a laughing matter. On one occasion, the apostle Paul was adamant in his demand that a church member be excluded from the fellowship because of sinful acts.

I. The Practice

The practice of church discipline is almost unheard of today. Professor J. W. MacGorman says that churches usually give the following reasons for not practicing church discipline:

1. Immorality is so widespread in churches that no one knows where to begin.

2. The spiritual level of the membership is very low.

3. Congregations are too large.

4. The innocent often get hurt with the guilty.

5. People will not submit to disciplinary action.

6. Church discipline is easily abused.

7. The prevailing climate of permissiveness works against discipline.

In the first century the apostle Paul argued strongly for church discipline. The Corinthian church had a member who was having sexual relations with either his mother or step-mother. Paul referred to it as "immorality of such a kind as does not exist even among the Gentile, that someone has his father's wife" (1 Cor. 5:1). It appeared that the church was tacitly condoning the situation; however, Paul demanded that the church "remove the wicked man from among yourselves" (1 Cor. 5:13).

II. The Procedure

Exactly how should the church approach a fellow member who, through sinful living, has brought discredit upon the name of Christ and his church? In Matthew 18:15-17, Jesus appears to have offered a procedure for applying church discipline. Jesus contended that one church member should seek out the offender and see if reconciliation could be accomplished. If this fails, two or three members are to seek out the offender in hope of reclaiming him. If this effort fails, the matter is to be brought before the entire congregation.

If the offender rejects the council and plea of the church, he is to be treated "as a gentile and a tax-gatherer" (Matt. 18:17). This seems to imply that the offender is to be considered as a lost person who has never experienced genuine salvation.

Although Jesus provided a formula for church discipline, the church must guard against witch hunts. In difficult times man is tempted to find a scapegoat for all his problems. Between 1348-50, the great plague (Black Death) struck the world, killing more than a third of the entire population (20 million) between India and Iceland. In their misery, Europeans blamed the plague on the Jews and thousands were burned in bonfires across Europe.

III. Purpose

According to Paul, discipline was to have a redemptive purpose. First,

Paul hoped that the discipline would bring the offender to repentance. He wrote, "I have decided to deliver such a one to Satan (into the world which is Satan's domain) for the destruction of his flesh, that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus" (1 Cor. 5:5).

Paul also felt that if the sinful man were not removed from the church, his influence might corrupt other members. He wrote: "Clean out the old leaven, that you may be a new lump, just as you are in fact unleavened..." (1 Cor. 5:7). Paul viewed the immoral church member as old leaven of sin which if not removed would contaminate the entire church.

In conjunction with this theme we need to remember the words of Paul in Galatians 6:1: "Brethren, even if a man is caught in any trespass, you who are spiritual, restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness; each one looking to yourself, lest you too be tempted." The word "restore" means "to mend, as a net, or to restore a broken bone."

The sinning believer is like a broken bone in the body of believers, and he needs to be restored. We must always remember that if it were not for the grace of God, all of us might be the victims of Satan's attack. In 1967 I was privileged to preach in a British Baptist Church in South Africa. The congregation practiced church discipline. An active deacon in the church told me that years ago the church had excluded him from the fellowship because of his sinful living. He said that at first he was very bitter and swore that he would never return to the church; however, God used the experience to bring him to his senses, and he eventually returned to the church in a spirit of repentance and confession.

Health lies in labor, and there is no loyal road to it but through toil — Wendell Phillips

Propriety of manners and consideration for others are the two main characteristics of a gentleman. — Disraeli

Life and Work Lesson

God's Saving Purpose

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Romans 10:14 - 11:36

As children growing up in West Virginia, several of us had a playground underneath our house. It was an ideal place, as the dirt was always dry and soft.

We built roads and towns throughout much of the area. A block of wood sufficed for a truck, and a spoon for a steam shovel.

We had a very few wind-up toys. However, we quickly decided that we had no use for these in our home-made town. Those toys did the same things over and over. We grew bored with them and laid them aside, returning to our blocks and spoons.

That's the trouble with a theology of strong predestination — it turns men into God's wind-up toys. If little children tire of playing with such old creations, how much more an eternal God. He created a man capable of returning His affections, and allowed him to make His own choices. But He had a plan.

Throughout His dealings with Israel, our Lord reveals His saving purpose, or His redemptive strategy, if you like longer words.

Picking up in Romans 10:14, we can follow Paul's thinking on this subject. The Chain Of Belief (10:14-21)

Notice the progression: God calls, preachers are sent, people hear and believe. If the chain breaks at any point, the lost remain unreached. That is, God may call, but no preachers respond. The preachers may go, but still no one hear (for a variety of reasons). Unless all four links are joined, the unreached remain so.

So Paul asks, "Did Israel hear?" (vs. 18) The answer is yes, definitely. "Did they know?" he continues. Yes, it was the Gentiles who were not in the know (vs. 19, 20). "And was God willing to save Israel?" Absolutely (vs. 21).

God called, prophets preached, the people heard — and still chose not to believe. That's the case with Israel.

The Saving Of A Remnant (11:1-5)

God in effect says here, "You think my purposes have been frustrated, that only one or two have been saved of Israel. Not so. You recall the story of Elijah who thought only he was left faithful. But over 7,000 had not bowed the knee to Baal. So bear in mind — the

remnant saved is a lot bigger remnant than you think!"

The Jealousy Of Israel (11:6-15)

Some jealousy can provoke a child to get up and come home. He sees his brothers and sisters having a great time, knowing that if he would swallow his pride and return, he could join in. So, with Israel, they see the fruit of the Lord in the lives of believers. And stirred by the thought, "That's mine. I'm an heir to that inheritance!" many may choose to return to the Lord.

Today we see this occurring. Moishe Rosen and his devoted group known as Jews for Jesus help their Jewish brethren to understand that "Jesus is your Messiah!" Thousands are responding, for which we give thanks.

The Grafting Of The Gentiles

(11:16-24)

You Gentile believers have been grafted onto a living tree. (Recall the Vine and branches of John 15.) But, don't get arrogant, Paul says.

There are two reasons for Gentile believers to be arrogant toward the Jews: (1) we responded whereas they did not; and (2) we have what they do not.

However, there are four reasons for not being conceited. (1) You stand only by faith, with no innate goodness. (2) You can be laid aside by unbelief, also. So, watch it, buster! (3) God is both severe and kind. (4) The Jews may be grafted back into the tree (verses 20 through 23).

The Saving Of Israel (11:25-32)

I once knew a Christian woman whose parents were lifelong Jews. She announced one day, "I no longer worry about their salvation. I've read in the Bible that all Israel will be saved." And the issue was closed, as far as she was concerned.

Her security is false, I fear. The big question is "Who is Israel?" Even today I understand the nation of Israel. I have done much study into the question of who a Jew is. Is Judaism a religion, a culture, a heritage, a system of politics or all of these? Is the atheist who has a strong Jewish family and culture still a Jew? How about the Jew who has trusted Jesus as His Messiah? As I say, the nation of Israel has quite a chore just defining the term.

It seems by the context that what Paul says is that every true believer is a part of Israel. No unbeliever is an Israelite. Consequently, the body of

believers is Israel. Therefore, all true Israel will be saved.

Interpreted thusly, this passage says nothing about a future time when all Jews will be gathered and saved. They have the same opportunity — and the same requirement of faith — as the rest of us.

Praise Of The Lord (11:33-36)

What's the value of such adoxology? Read it through and then ask, Does God need such praise, such bragging on Himself? The logical conclusion is that we need it. We have an inner need to praise our Lord. It does something good inside us when we do.

Look at it like getting up in the morning and saying a lot of positive things to yourself. Super salesmen do this all the time. The effect is to start the day on a right note, establish some true principles in your mind, and block out negativism. So with praise, although praise is so much more.

By such praise we remind ourselves whose we are. Someone told me of his old-fashioned father who said to him as he departed on a date, "Don't forget, whose you are." We are God's, and He is above us and beyond us and before us!

In praise, we remember who God is. The beginner and finisher of all things. "It all goes back to Him on payday!" His wealth is immeasurable and His ways unsearchable.

And we recall who we are in praise. That's what humility is all about — seeing ourselves as we truly are. We cannot counsel God or give Him anything that's not already His.

That's God's saving purpose: that we may know Him, the power of His Spirit, and our place in His eternal family. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Richmond, Va. (BP) — Southern Baptist foreign missionaries are starting their careers earlier, according to a report from the denomination's Foreign Mission Board. The average age of career missionary men at the time of the appointment was 32 in 1977, but dropped to 30.4 in 1978. The average age of career missionary women dropped from 30 in 1977 to 29.4 in 1978. The average age of missionary associates, however, rose from 49 to 50.2 for men and from 46 to 50.7 years of age for women.